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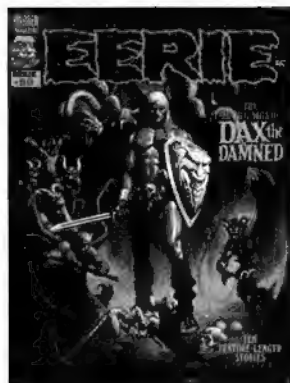
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ISSUE**
TIME AGAIN,
CHILLUNS!

AND DOES
YOUR OLD
COUSIN EERIE
HAVE A
SAGA FOR
YOU!..

...TEN
FULL-LENGTH,
FANTASY-FILLED
ADVENTURES OF
DAX...
THE BARBARIAN!

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WARRIOR-MERCENARY!
HIS COMPLETE STORY
RETOLD!

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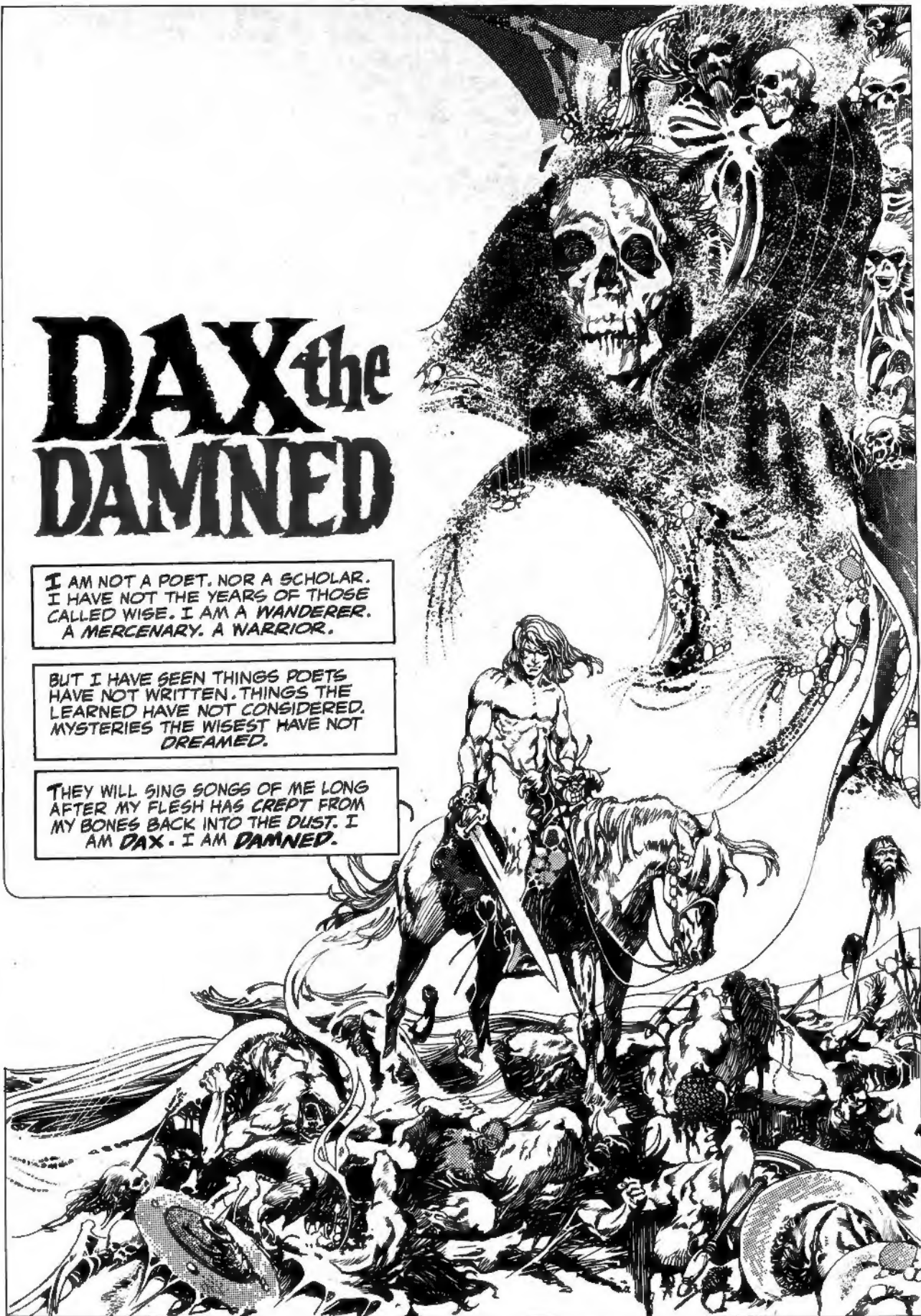
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DAX^{the} DAMINED

I AM NOT A POET. NOR A SCHOLAR.
I HAVE NOT THE YEARS OF THOSE
CALLED WISE. I AM A WANDERER.
A MERCENARY. A WARRIOR.

BUT I HAVE SEEN THINGS POETS
HAVE NOT WRITTEN. THINGS THE
LEARNED HAVE NOT CONSIDERED.
MYSTERIES THE WISEST HAVE NOT
DREAMED.

THEY WILL SING SONGS OF ME LONG
AFTER MY FLESH HAS CREPT FROM
MY BONES BACK INTO THE DUST. I
AM DAX. I AM DAMINED.



IN BUT THE TIME
OF A MOMENT'S
DECISION, I TURNED
MY FACE FROM
WAR'S GROUND
AND SOMEWAY
BECAME CURSED
BY THE GODS.

MY SPIRIT WAS
WOUNDED.
I SOUGHT
SOMETHING
MORE.
ESCAPE.



FOLLOWING THE TRACERY OF THE ANCIENT EARTH'S RIBS, I
FOLLOWED NOT THE COWARD'S PATH AWAY FROM WAR, BUT
THE WANDERER'S WAY TOWARD A NEW ONE. AND THEN...

BY THE THREE
HEADS OF TYPHOEUS!
I'LL NOT WASH
ALONE!

WAR COULD WAIT..



WOMEN WAIT NOT.



HERE, SHE MADE SOFT LOVE TO ME.
SHE TAUGHT ME OF THINGS I DID
NOT KNOW.

SHE SANG SWEET SONGS TO ME, AND WAITED, FOR I WAS SLOW. SURELY THE GODS FOUND FAVOR IN DAX TO SEND HIM GENTLE NAIAD.



EVEN WHEN YOU FOUND ME, MY DAX, I WAS ESCAPING FROM DEATH. PROTECT ME. SAVE ME FOR YOURSELF!



HUSH, SWEET FAUN. DEATH DARES NOT WALK IN A DREAM SO FAIR.

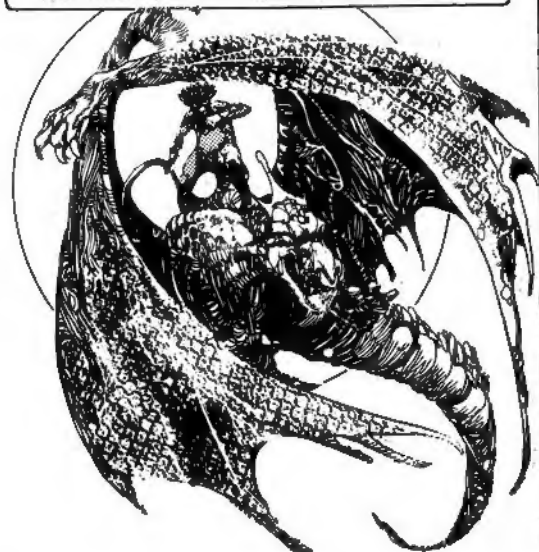
BUT MY DREAM ERUPTED WHEN HORROR FLUNG FAST UPON US, WITH ALIEN WINGS BEATING A DEMON'S WINDSONG.

W-WHAT CURSE DO THE GODS SEND US...?

THE KEEPER...!



THE KEEPER OF HELL NO DOUBT!



BUT DAX HAD FOUND HER FIRST!

THE CARRION RIDER'S WHIP SANG A FIERCE SONG TO ME AND I HAD NO INSTRUMENT TO PLAY HIM THE MUSIC OF DAX.

YET I FELT PAIN ONLY WHERE THE TALONS GRIPPED NAIAD'S DELICATE BREAST.

YAAA GGG HH

LEATHERN WINGS SLASHED THE AIR. THE FELL WRAITH STRUGGLED INTO THE SKY, RIPPING FROM ME THAT WHICH WAS MOST PRECIOUS.

SHALL I EVER FORGET HER EYES? OR MY HELPLESSNESS?

DEATH TOOK HER.
DEATH FILLED MY
SOUL.

FLY HIGH,
VERMIN. FLY FAR.
AND WHEN YOU
LIGHT DOWN...

MY LOVE!
MY DAX!

THERE WILL
DAX BE!



STEAL THE
HEADMAN'S
AXE! STEAL
THE QUEEN'S
VIRGINITY!
STEAL THE
KING'S OWN
CONCUBINE
AND LIVE!

BUT STEAL
DAX'S WOMAN...



...AND BE
FED YOUR
OWN
HEART!

AND LO,
I CAME
UPON
THE
DEVIL'S
NEST.

AND ENTERED I THERE.

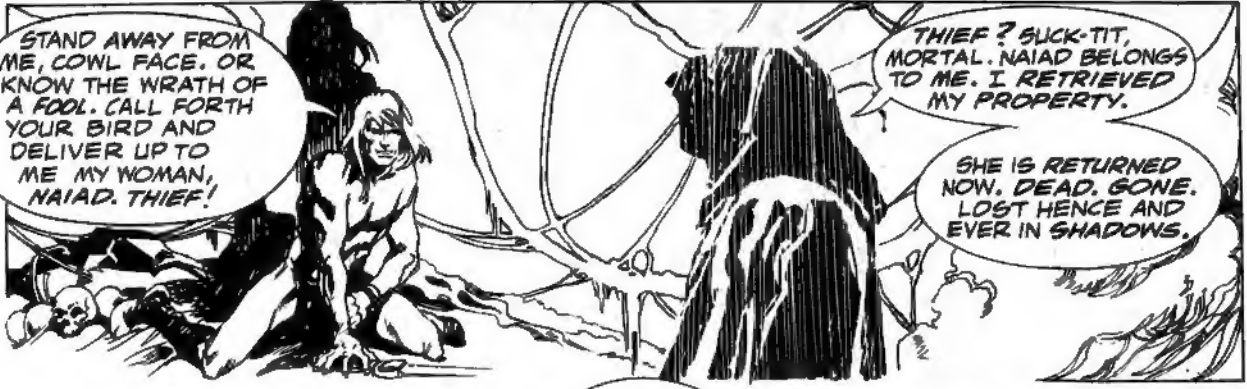


THEN... VISIONS BEFORE ME, TO
CHILL MY HEART AND COVER MY
RESOLVE IN HOARFROST.

VISIONS OF NAIAD, SLAUGHTERED,
AND DAX, DISEMBOWELED.




VISIONS OF THAT
WHICH COMES TO
FOOLS.



STAND AWAY FROM ME, COWL FACE. OR KNOW THE WRATH OF A FOOL. CALL FORTH YOUR BIRD AND DELIVER UP TO ME MY WOMAN, NAIAD. THIEF!

THIEF? SUCK-TIT, MORTAL. NAIAD BELONGS TO ME. I RETRIEVED MY PROPERTY.


SHE IS RETURNED NOW. DEAD. GONE. LOST HENCE AND EVER IN SHADOWS.



SHE IS PART OF THIS WORLD. LEAVE HER HERE! SHE NO LONGER BELONGS TO YOU.

REMEMBER HER AS LAST YOU SAW HER. WHEN SHE WAS STILL IN THE LIGHT. LET WHAT SHE WAS HAUNT YOU. REMEMBER THAT ONLY.

NO! NONE BELONG TO THE DOMAIN OF THE DEAD BUT THE DEAD.



NAIAD LIVES! AND THUS I'LL BRING HER BACK INTO LIFE!

NONE BELONG TO THE DEAD BUT THE DEAD? I THINK I WILL ALLOW YOU TO EXPLORE THAT THEORY.

THUS THE SHROUD WEARER BADE ME
PASS, TO SEARCH FOR THAT WHICH
I LOVED.

STEPPED
HE ASIDE,
WAVED
ME GO.
I WENT
INTO THE
DEPTHS.

THE LIMITS OF THE
UNCLEAN HEAVED
BENEATH MY FEET.

MY SENSES
SWIRLED
WITHIN THE
LABYRINTHS
OF MY OWN
FEARS.

HOURS. YEARS PASSED FROM ME.
THEN! BREATHS! BREATHING
WHICH I BREATHED NOT.

NAIAD?!

DAX? DO... NOT COME...
NEAR. LEAVE... ME, MY...
LOVE. GO!

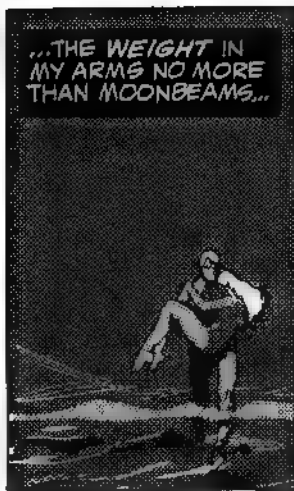
GO I WILL...
WITH YOU!

HIE
GUTSUCKER!

SHH, SWEET LOVE.
SLEEP NOW IN THE SAFETY
OF MY ARMS. WHEN YOU
WAKE, I'LL HAVE BROUGHT
YOU BACK INTO THE
LIGHT. SHH...SHH.



THUS I RAN, FIND-
ING THE LIGHT...



...THE WEIGHT IN
MY ARMS NO MORE
THAN MOONBEAMS...



...I RAN, FINDING
THE LIGHT...



...FINDING THE
LIGHT... FOR MY
LOVE



MORTALS!
MOLDING THEIR
LIVES IN THE
FIRES OF THEIR
WILLS! CONQUER-
ING THE UNCON-
QUERABLE, YET...
FOR NOTHING!



TASTE YOUR
VICTORY,
WARRIOR...

AYE. MY LOVE BELONGED AMONG
THE DUNGEONS OF THE DEAD.
SHE BELONGED TO DEATH, NOT I.

YET SHE WAS NOT THE DAMNED.
FOR EACH TIME A CHILD VOMITS
ITSELF TO DEATH, IN FLAMES OF
FEVER, RAVAGED BY PLAGUE,
A MOTHER CURSES THE MEMORY
OF PAX.

DAX, THE UNLEASHER OF DISEASE
MOST FOUL! DAX, THE DAMNED.



...AND KNOW THE TASTE
OF THE DISEASE WHICH
YOU'VE UNLEASHED
UPON THE EARTH!

DAX^{the} DAMNED

"The Paradise Tree"

I HAD FOUND A QUIET
PLACE. A PLACE OF
SOLITUDE. A PLACE
THAT MY SOUL MIGHT
MAKE MEND. AND HIDE
FROM THE CRUEL JESTS
OF THE GODS.

THE GODS THAT HAD
SINGLED OUT DAX,
AND DAMNED MY
PATHS IN THE DOING.



HERE
THERE
WAS
TIME.



AND OF TIME I WOULD
MAKE A STREAM UPON
WHOSE BANK I WOULD
SIT AND WATCH ITS
FLOWING.

MEAT FOR
THE BELLY.
NOW WOOD
FOR THE
FIRE.

YET NOW, TIME
AND CHANCE HAVE
COMBINED...

HULLO,
GRANDFATHER.
SOME OLD
LIMBS FROM
YOU?

AN ANCIENT TREE.
GRANDSIRE TO
THE ELDEST OAK.

WHAT? DRY
BRANCHES
REFUSE TO
BREAK?

RESIST
MY AXE
THEN!

AT ONCE, THE TREE
THRUST UP
A KNEE-LIKE ROOT
TO GLANCE THE
BLADE.

CHUNK



GRASPING
POWERFULLY,
IT LIFTED AND
FLUNG ME...

...INTO ITS
GULLET!

HELPLESSLY, I FELL
HEADLONG PAST ETERNITY.



WHAT HAPPENS TO
THE MIND WHEN
UNCONSCIOUS? DO
WE MOVE INTO ANOTHER
UNIVERSE... JUST
BEYOND OUR OWN?

SOME ETHEREAL
EXTENSION THAT
PRIMITIVE MAN HAS
ALWAYS CALLED THE
UNKNOWN?



THE GODS
HAVE
FOUND ME.



THEIR
SPORT
CONTINUES.



LONG I WANDERED THIS WORLD, JUST THE
OTHER SIDE OF HOPE. UNTIL I FOUND A PATH
WHICH SURELY LED TO PARADISE... OR HELL!



BE THIS
HEAVEN OR
BE IT THE
PIT...



I MAY HAVE TO
STAY! FURTHER
INSPECTION OF THE
CITIZENRY APPEARS
TO BE IN ORDER.



UPON DEMAND, I SOON STOOD BEFORE THE HAUNTING GAZE OF A VERITABLE QUEEN.

YOU ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF ECHIDNA, ONE CALLED DAX. SHOULD YOU NOT KNEEL IN AWE?

THIS ONE KNOWS NOT AWE, MY SWEET. ONLY DEFIANCE AND STRENGTH.

BE WELL MET, DAX. YOU ARE IN THE MYSTICAL CAVERNS OF ECHIDNA, MOTHER OF MONSTERS!

I AM A WITCH-ADDER. DESPISED BY THE GODS THEMSELVES!

I HAVE MATED WITH STRONG MEN BEFORE AND MOTHERED AWESOME CHILDREN...

I WONDER WHAT TERROR WILL COME FROM THE UNION OF ECHIDNA AND DAX? SHOW DAX HIS CHAMBERS.

... AMONG THEM CERBERUS, THE CHIMERA, AND THE SPHINX. ALL TO TORMENT THE GODS.

BEWILDERED, I ALLOWED THE SERVANTS TO ESCORT ME AWAY.

WEARILY, I GAVE IN TO THEIR LUXURIES. PERHAPS I WAS NOT IN THE GODS' GAME AFTER ALL.

PREPARE FOR AUDIENCE, WARRIOR!

ECHIDNA DESIRES YOUR PRESENCE!

I HAVE ENJOYED HER HOSPITALITY. PERHAPS NOW COMES PAYMENT.

STANDING BEFORE THAT WHICH IS STRANGE, UNARMED IS STANDING NAKED.

PAYMENT FOR YOUR PLEASURES, DAX? YES, I'LL EXTRACT PAYMENT, SENSUALLY.

I... I AM A WITCH, DAX... AND... WOULD TO THE GODS IT WERE NOT SO.

ONCE... I WAS SOMETHING ELSE, SOMETHING COMMON. THEN THE BLACK GODS MADE ME WHAT I AM NOW. FOR PAYMENT, I WAS ABUSED ONE HUNDRED TIMES, THEN DISMISSED TO DO THEIR WRETCHED WORK.

IN AN ACT UNCLEAN, WITCH? IF YOU WERE BUT A LOVELY WOMAN AND NO WITCH THAT MIGHT CHANGE INTO A SERPENT BE-NEATH ME... YES!

OTHERWISE...

THROUGH ME, THEY BREED MORE DEVILS TO DEFEY THE WHITE GODS. I AM TORMENTED. MOTHER OF MONSTERS!

I LIVE IN LUXURY AND AM A BEAUTIFUL QUEEN, YET...

HOLD ME... DAX LET US CREATE SWEETER MEMORIES THAN THOSE WHICH HANG ABOUT ME NOW!

I DO NOT WISH TO THINK OF PAIN AND SLAVERY!

MAKE LOVE TO ME.

GIVE ME A CHILD AS LOVELY AS DAX.

SHARE, DAX... IN THE FREEDOM OF TOGETHERNESS... THE TWO OF US ALONE!!

AND THUS THROUGH THIS MAGIC MOMENT, TWO CAPTIVES RAN AWAY FROM THAT PLACE, TO DANCE BEYOND THE MOONBEAMS.



A TIMELESS SPAN LAPSED.
I HUNGER FOR THE
WITCH WOMAN, NOXIOUS
INCENSE STUNG MY
SENSES.



I HAVE BEEN
THINKING. GATHER
UP WHAT YOU WILL,
AND I'LL GUIDE US
FROM THIS PLACE.



I KNOW THE WAY OUT.
I HAVE SEARCHED OUT MANY
DURING THE YEARS, YET I
CAN NEVER FOLLOW THEM.
THIS CENSER, BILLOWING
SOOTHING VAPORS, IS MY
MENTOR. I LIVE ONLY BY
ITS POWERS.

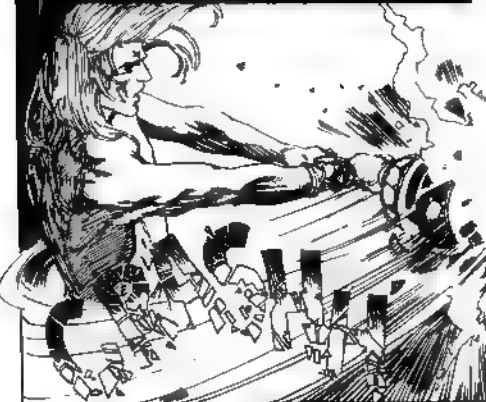
SHOULD I SEEK
TO ESCAPE, THE
IMP OF THE BOTTLE
WOULD RETURN ME
TO MY FORMER
LIFE!

THE BLACK
GODS WANT TO
KEEP ME AS
THEIR SOW!

FROM MY WOMB
SPRINGS TERROR!
THE DARK LORDS
SEND ONLY THE
MOST CURSED IN
HEAVEN AND EARTH
TO COUPLE WITH
ME!

THEY SEND
ME ONLY THE
DAMNED!

AND ONLY THE DAMNED COULD BREAK
THE BOTTLE TO FREE HER CURSED
IMPRISONMENT.



ONLY THE CURSED ENTERED
THERE, ONLY THE CURSED
COULD FREE HER IF HE
DARED. NONE DARED, SAVE
DAX!

FROM THE SHARDS OF THE
CENSER AROSE THE DEMON
WITHIN, TAKING BACK HIS
GIFTS TO ECHIDNA.



EACH WORD THE DEVIL
SPOKE ECHOED LIKE
CLAPS OF THUNDER!

THUS MOTHER ECHIDNA
GROWS WEARY OF BIRTHING
HORROR. SHE HAS FOUND A
HERO TO FREE HER. POOR
ECHIDNA HAD THE WEALTH
OF THE EARTH AS TOYS,
AND LOVELY FLESH
TO ENJOY.

FREEDOM?
DONE! GO BACK...
TO YOUR OLD LIFE...
OF FREEDOM!

SCREAMS OF
TERROR AND
PRAYERS FOR
DELIVERANCE
FELL UPON
HEARTLESS
EARS.
ECHIDNA'S
FLAWLESS
BODY
FLAILED THE
AIR AS IT
MUTATED,
DISFIGURED
AND
LENGTHENED.

TENDER FLESH GAVE WAY
TO COILS OF WRITHING
SCALES. AND LO! THAT
WHICH WAS TEMPTING
ECHIDNA SLITHERED
AWAY... FREE.

YAHHHHHH!

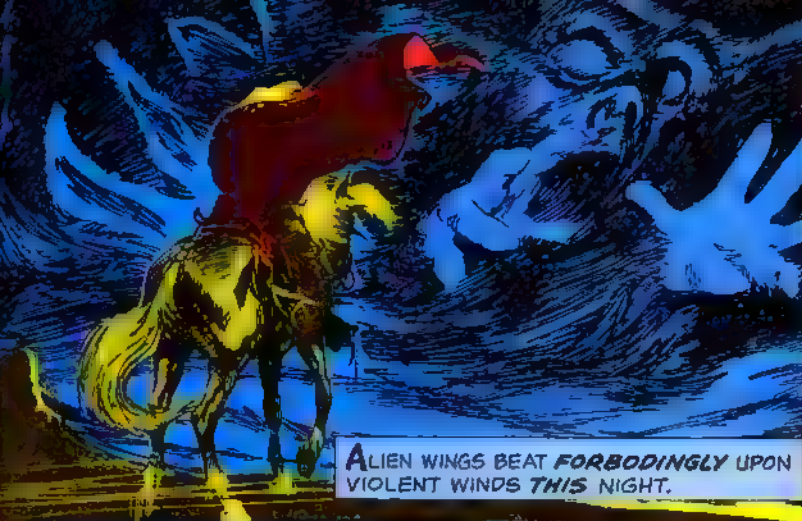
EEEEEE

"BY THE SAME POWER THAT SLAYS
YOU, I TOO AM SLAIN; AND I
TOO SHALL BE CONSUMED.

"FOR THE LAW THAT DELIVERED
YOU INTO MY HAND SHALL
DELIVER ME INTO A MIGHTIER
HAND."

"YOUR BLOOD AND MY BLOOD IS
NAUGHT BUT THE SAP THAT
FEEDS THE TREE OF HEAVEN."

- Kahlil Gibran
from THE PROPHET



ALIEN WINGS BEAT **FORBODINGLY** UPON
VIOLENT WINDS **THIS** NIGHT.



HEAVEN AND EARTH
TREMBLE...



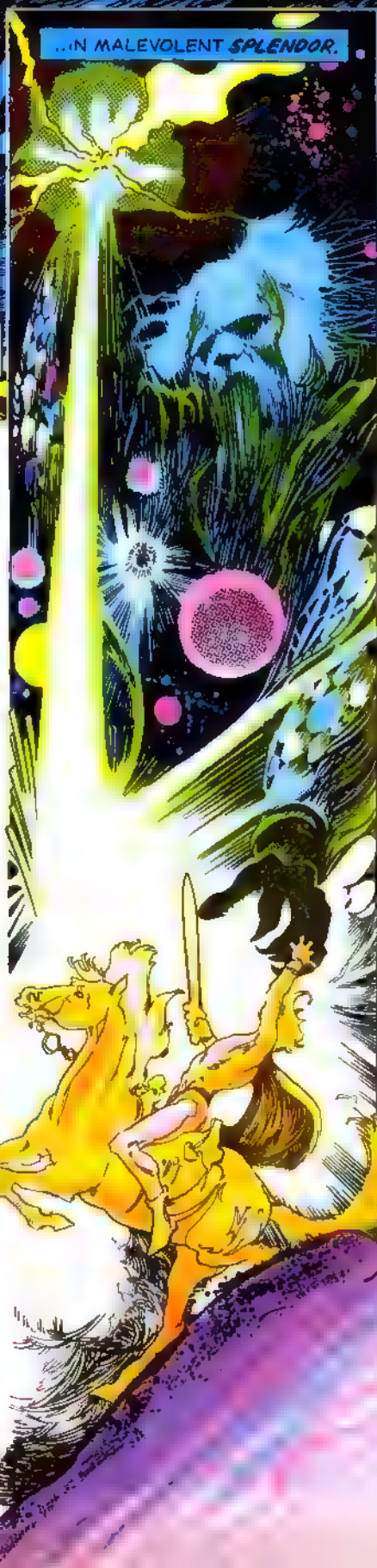
...AS **GODS**
AWAKEN...

DAX the DAMINED

LONG HAVE I KNOWN MY LIFE IS **CURSED**
BY THE GODS. DAX IS NO MORE THAN A
TORMENTED PLAYTHING. SOMETHING TO BE
PROVOKED, USED. **DAMINED** AM I BY NATURE OF
MY LIFE. A WARRIOR BEARS HIS SWORD ONLY
WHERE THE GODS STEER HIS PATH. **I** AM A
WARRIOR. NOTHING MORE THAN A **PAWN** UPON
SOME SUPERNATURAL BOARD, IN A TIMELESS GAME OF...

CHESS

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...IN MALEVOLENT **SPLENDOR**.



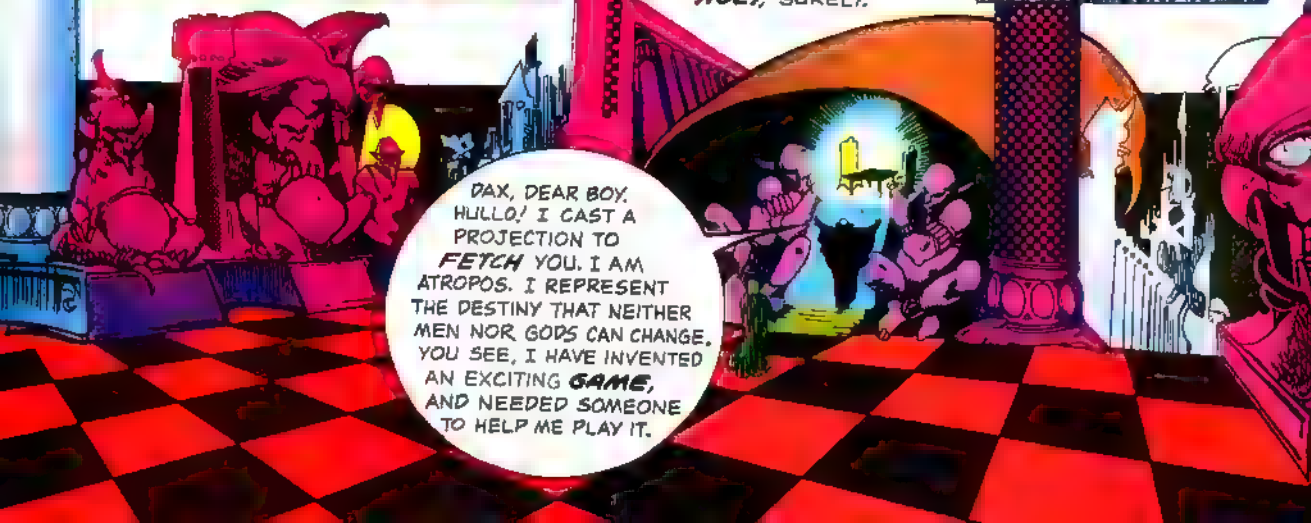
AN IDLE GOD, FILLED
WITH TORMENT, BENT
LOW ACROSS THE EARTH
AND FOUND HIS **PAWN**.
AND DAX WAS DRAWN
THROUGH THE **NETHER**.



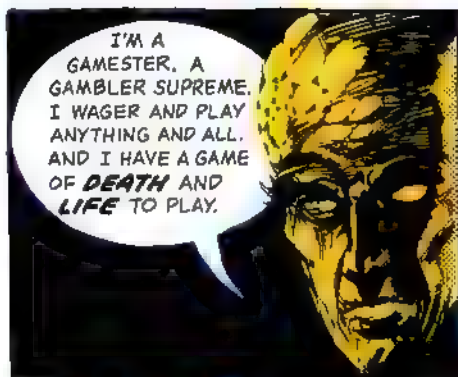
FALLING BEYOND
ENDLESSNESS, MY
STRAINED EYES SAW
THAT WHICH WAS
NEITHER PROPHET
NOR SEER, NOR
DREAMER NOR
MADMAN HAS
DARED TO BEHOLD.



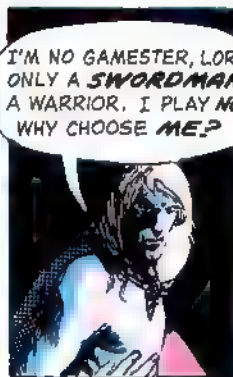
MY DESCENT SLOWED
AND GENTLY TOUCHED
I THE FLINT. AND **LO!**
DAX WAS WITHIN THE
HALLS OF THE MOST
HOLY, SURELY.



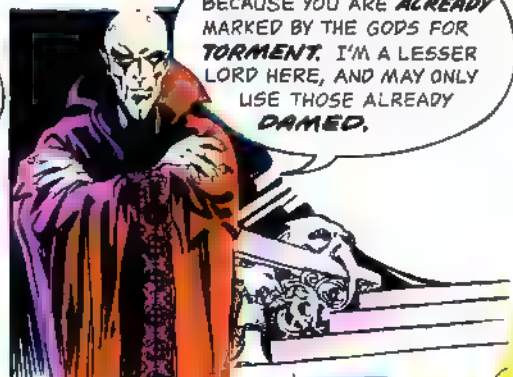
DAX, DEAR BOY.
HULLO! I CAST A
PROJECTION TO
FETCH YOU. I AM
ATROPOS. I REPRESENT
THE DESTINY THAT NEITHER
MEN NOR GODS CAN CHANGE.
YOU SEE, I HAVE INVENTED
AN EXCITING **GAME**,
AND NEEDED SOMEONE
TO HELP ME PLAY IT.



I'M A
GAMESTER. A
GAMBLER SUPREME.
I WAGER AND PLAY
ANYTHING AND ALL.
AND I HAVE A GAME
OF **DEATH** AND
LIFE TO PLAY.



I'M NO GAMESTER, LORD.
ONLY A **SWORDMAN**.
A WARRIOR. I PLAY **NOT**.
WHY CHOOSE **ME**?



I CHOOSE YOU
BECAUSE YOU ARE **ALREADY**
MARKED BY THE GODS FOR
TORMENT. I'M A LESSER
LORD HERE, AND MAY ONLY
USE THOSE **ALREADY**
DAMED.



IN **THIS** GAME DAX
WILL HOLD THE VERY
POWER OF LIFE...
AND DEATH IN HIS
HAND.

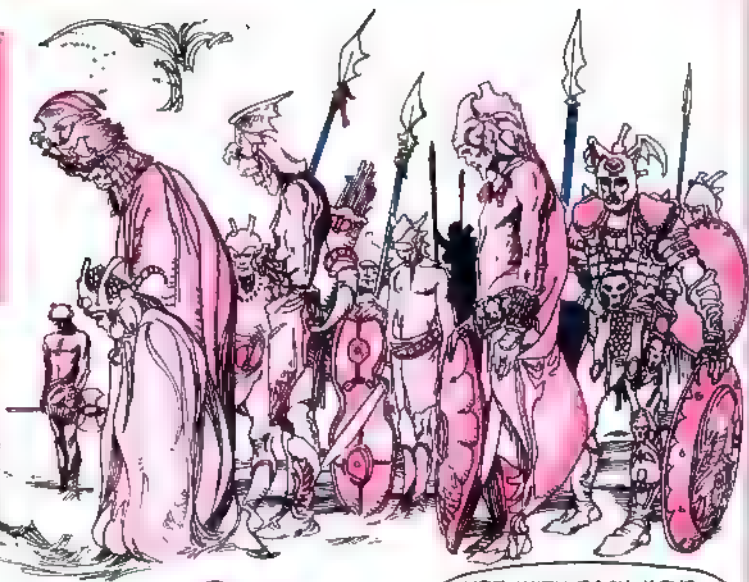


NEVER BEFORE HAD I
REFUSED A **CHALLENGE**.
BUT NOW...

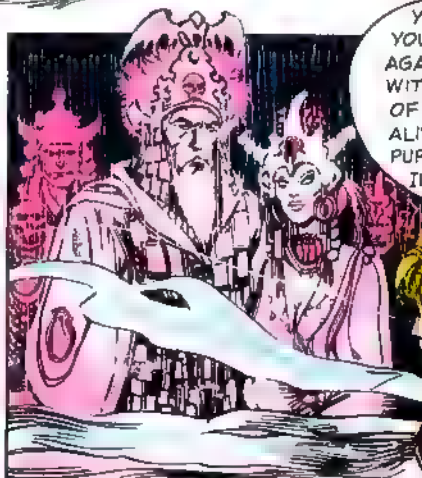


YOU **KNOW** THE TASTE OF
BEING BUT A CHESSPIECE AS
BITTER. NOW TASTE THE
LUXURY OF BEING A **PLAYER**.
A **GOD**! YOUR CHESSPIECES
ASSEMBLE EVEN NOW,
BEHOLD!

MY HEART LEAPED WHEN MY EYES WITNESSED THE WHITE FIGURES MATERIALIZE BEFORE ME. MY **FATHER. BROTHER. KINSMEN** AND FRIENDS I LOVED WELL. I LOVED THEM ALL STILL, EVEN IN **DEATH!** MY **CHESSMEN.**



YOU MAY HAVE EACH ONE BACK IN LIFE IF YOU **WIN** MY GAME.



YET WITH EACH MOVE YOU LOSE, ONE WILL **DIE** AGAIN, UNTIL ALL ARE BACK WITHIN THE WRETCHED WALLS OF **DEATH.** THEY ARE **TRULY** ALIVE NOW, BUT ARE MUTE PUPPETS TILL GAME'S END. IF **ANY** LET THEM LIVE THEN.

AND LOOK, DAX! THE **BLACKS!** MY **FIGURE PIECES!** **THEY** ARE AT **MY** COMMAND! I BELIEVE WE ARE READY. LET US BEGIN.



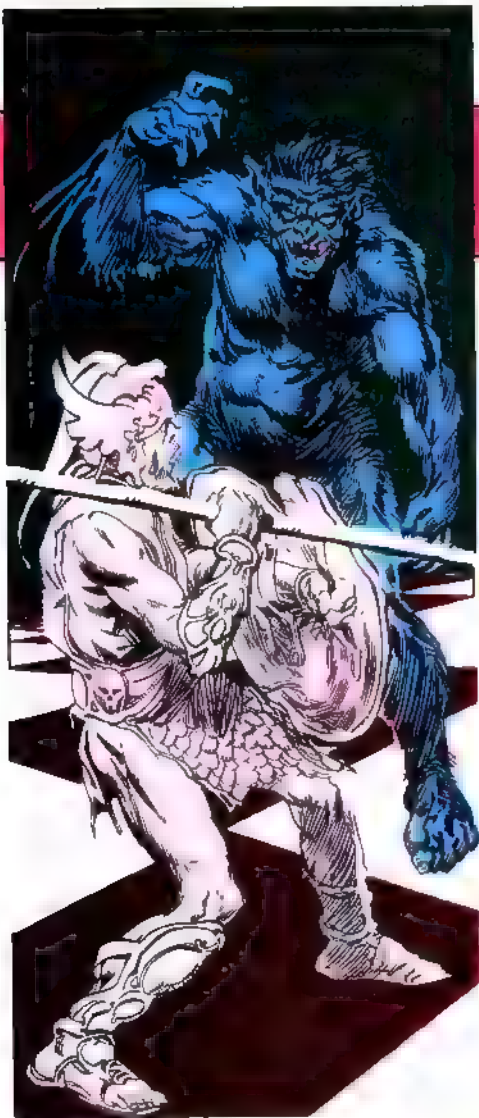
IN THE EYE OF LEERING DESTINY, WE SAT TO **PLAY.**

KEVIN HARVEY



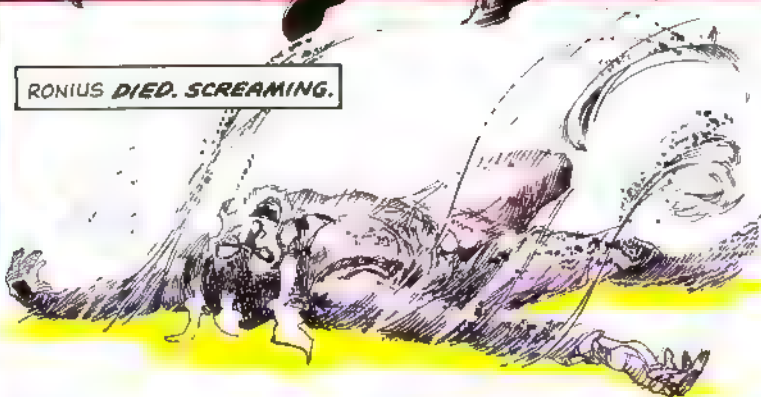
WHAT SPORT COULD I HAVE BEEN? A CHESSPIECE IN MY HAND RATHER THAN A SWORD, A SINGLE MOVE. A MORTAL COMBAT.

WITH EACH MOVE UPON THE BOARD, THE LIVING CHESSMEN EMULATE. I LIFTED MY FIGURE. RONIUS, A COUSIN SLAIN, STIRRED TO LIFE. ATROPOS COUNTERED. A DEMON RUSHED AT RONIUS.

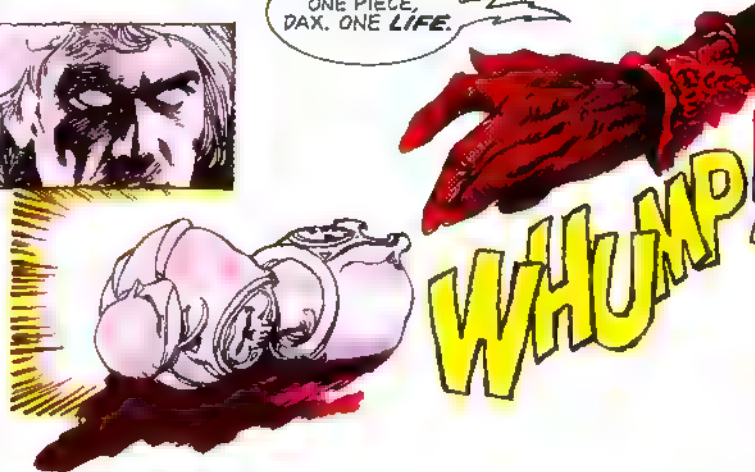


A MOVE! WRONG!...

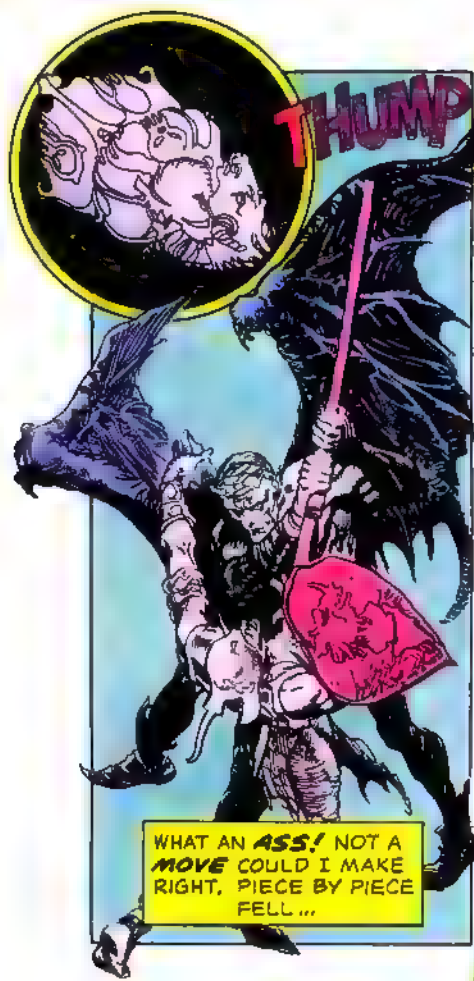
RONIUS DIED. SCREAMING.



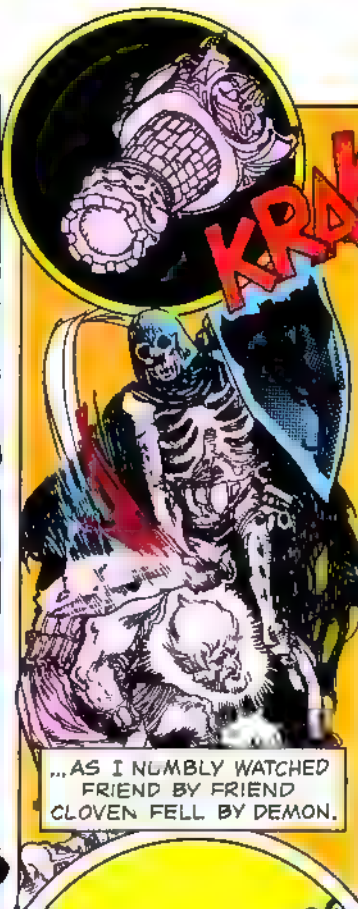
FORFEIT ONE PIECE, DAX. ONE LIFE.



WHUMP



WHAT AN **ASS!** NOT A **MOVE** COULD I MAKE RIGHT, PIECE BY PIECE FELL ...



...AS I NUMBLY WATCHED FRIEND BY FRIEND CLOVEN FELL BY DEMON.

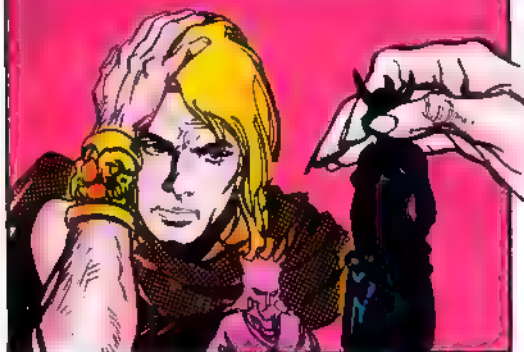


RIPPED, GASHED, DISEMBOWELED, THEIR OOZING ENTRAILS **FEASTED** UPON.



TWO
PIECES
LEFT, DAX.
NOT EASY
EVEN BEING
A GOD, IS
IT?

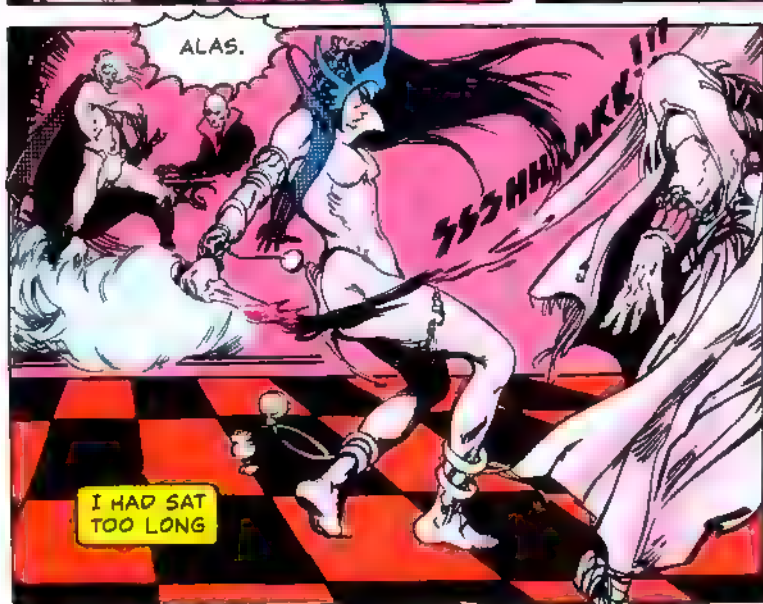
THERE WAS BUT ONE WHITE PIECE LEFT. MY **FATHER**. MY SWORD TREMBLED TOWARD MY HAND.



AND FINALLY... **CHECKMATE...** WITH THE QUEEN, TO BE MATE ON THE SECOND MOVE. SAY A VERY QUICK FAREWELL TO YOUR FATHER. QUICK NOW!



ALAS.



I HAD SAT TOO LONG

NOT **HIM!** NOT MY **FATHER!** GET BACK FROM HIM, FILTH!



I RUSHED TO THE CRUMPLED LORD, YET MY FINGERS HAD NO NEED TO FEEL FOR A PULSE. HE HAD BEEN RETURNED TO MY MEMORIES.



PUT DOWN YOUR SWORD. IT HAS NO POWER HERE!

NO POWER BUT TO **SLAY**. TO KILL.
AND KILLING IS THE **ONLY** THING
TANGIBLE HERE. THE ONLY CAUSE
WORTH PURSUING. YET I NEEDED
NOT TO HAVE TRAVELED TO
HEAVEN TO KILL. I AM NO
GAMESTER. I AM A **KILLER**.

LET HIM
LIVE!

THIS IS THE DIFFERENCE
IN GODS AND MEN! I
UNDERSTAND! GODS
LIVE TO **KILL**... MEN
KILL TO **LIVE**.

FOOLISHLY
SIMPLE.
THANK YOU DAX!
NOW **BEGONE!**

BRACCOO!

IMMMNNNN!!

AND THE GAMESTER GOD THREW THE
FISH **BACK** INTO THE POND. FOR THERE
WERE **OTHER** FISHERS WAITING TO
NET IT. A FEVERISH DREAM HAD IT
ALL BEEN.

AND DREAM IT **MIGHT** HAVE
BEEN. BUT CRUELLY THEY WOULD
NOT EVEN GIVE ME THE HOPE IT
WAS A DREAM. FOR I WAS SENT
ALONG A GRIM **REMINDER** OF A
BITTER GAME OF CHESS.

"TIS ALL A CHEQUER-BOARD OF NIGHTS AND DAYS
WHERE DESTINY WITH MEN FOR PIECES PLAYS:
HITHER AND THITHER MOVES, AND MATES AND SLAYS,
AND ONE BY ONE IN THE CLOSET LAYS."

RUBAIYAT OF OMAR KHAYAM

WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I SAT AT THE KNEE
OF A VERY WISE SEER TO LEARN,
AND THUS ONCE, I POSED TO ANCIENT
NAIL GAYE, THE SEER, A CHILDISH
QUESTION. WHAT IS LIFE? THUS HE
OFFERED UP A CHILDISH ANSWER.

DAX^{the} DAMNED

LET THE EVIL ONE SLEEP

LIFE, DAX, IS
BUT A
DREAM.

TWENTY YEARS
PASSED FROM ME
ERE I UNDERSTOOD
THE WISE MAN'S
ANSWER. IT WAS NOT
UNTIL I RODE, MY
SOUL SHRIVELING
WITHIN MY CHEST,
ACROSS THE WASTE-
LANDS. AND MY DREAM
WAS ENDING.

THE LAST WANING SECONDS
OF THE BITTERSWEET
DREAM I DESPERATELY
CLUNG TO EBBED INTO THE
SAND. AND LISTEN!

HUSH NOW! HEAR THE
DISTANT VOICE OF
NAILGAYE AS HE LAY
UPON HIS OWN DEATH-
BED: "IN MY END, IS
MY BEGINNING!"

NOW I UNDERSTOOD! AT ANY END,
BEYOND LIES ANOTHER BEGINNING.
NIGHT ENDS. DAY BEGINS. HELL ENDS.
HEAVEN BEGINS.

ONE DREAM
ENDS.
THE NEXT
BEGINS.

IF I AM DEAD, THEN
LET ME DRINK DEEP..
THEN BE DEAD.

THERE HAVE BEEN TOO
MANY WONDERS BEHELD
BY MY EYES TO HAVE
QUESTIONED YET
ANOTHER. STILL, A
WARRIOR'S WARINESS
PREVAILS.

I AM GLAD
YOU AWAKENED.
SLAKE YOUR
THIRST, AND COME
YOU ALONG WITH
ME.



HERE IS A PLACE CALLED EDEN. I ALONE ENJOY ITS LOVELINESS! YET I HAVE WAITED SO LONG TO SHARE IT!

CALL ME PHRIXESE.

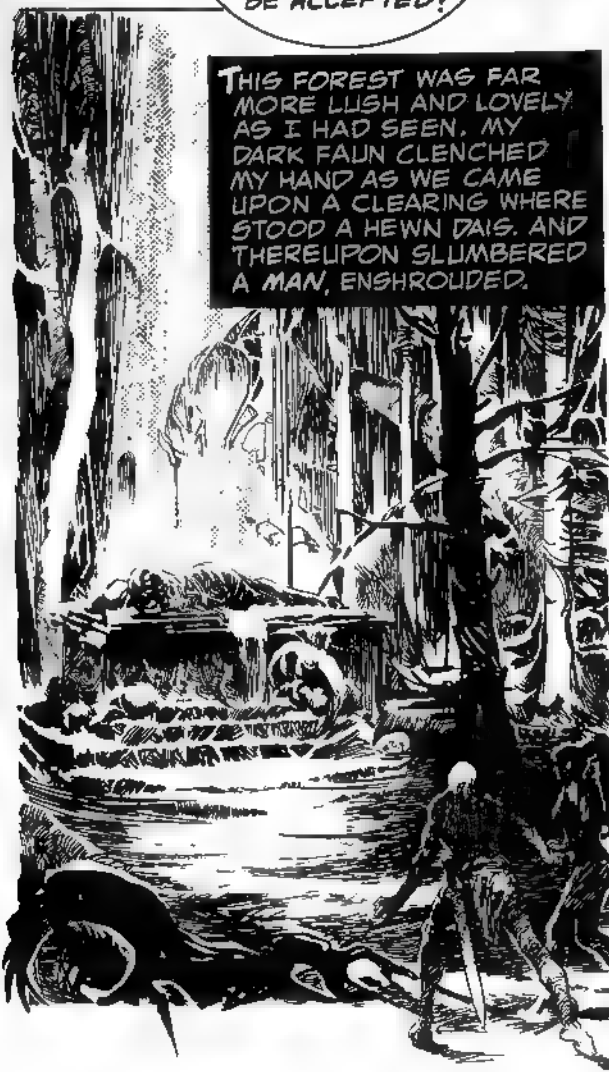
I'LL CALL YOU A VISION AMONG VISIONS. YOU, LIKE THIS GARDEN, ARE FAR TOO TEMPTING SWEET FOR SUBSTANTIALITY!



MUST MEN QUESTION EVERYTHING? CAN YOU NOT ACCEPT THINGS AND THUS BE ACCEPTED?

I MEANT NOT--

HUSH! HOLD STILL AS WE PASS THIS GLEN!



THIS FOREST WAS FAR MORE LUSH AND LOVELY AS I HAD SEEN. MY DARK FAUN CLENCHED MY HAND AS WE CAME UPON A CLEARING WHERE STOOD A HEWN DAIS. AND THEREUPON SLUMBERED A MAN, ENSHROUDED.



DON'T HOLD ME HERE. MY EYES WILL BEHOLD HIM NOT.

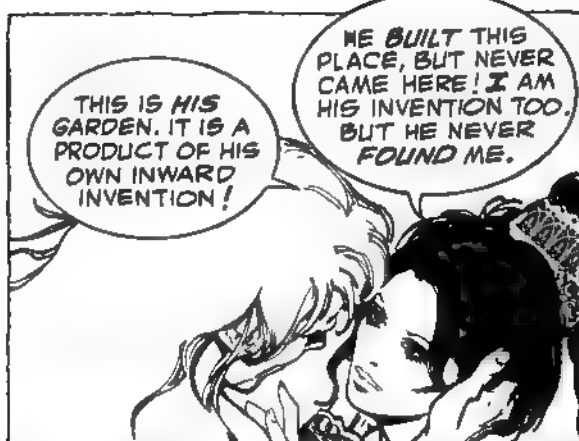
WHO IS HE?

THE EVIL ONE. NOW COME!



THE EVIL ONE SLEEPS NOW. LET HIM LIE.

BUT... I DON'T UNDERSTAND...!?



THIS IS HIS GARDEN. IT IS A PRODUCT OF HIS OWN INWARD INVENTION!

HE BUILT THIS PLACE, BUT NEVER CAME HERE! I AM HIS INVENTION TOO. BUT HE NEVER FOUND ME.



"AND THEN YOU CAME. WHILE YOU WERE TRANSCENDING BETWEEN WORLDS, HE TRIED TO SLAY YOU. HE AND I FOUGHT."



"I OVERCAME HIM! BEGUILLED HIM! THUS NOW HE SLEEPS, DREAMING. PERHAPS OF ESCAPE, REVENGE! MY DEATH AND YOURS. BUT HE'LL NEVER ESCAPE. NEVER AWAKE."

I UNDERSTOOD HOW THE EVIL ONE COULD HAVE BEEN BEGUILLED BY THE FAIR PHRIXESE.

I ALLOWED HER TO LEAD ME. HER SENSUAL LOVELINESS FILLED MY SENSES.



ENOUGH QUESTIONS AND QUESTIONING. HOW FILLING, INDEED, IT WAS TO ACCEPT...



...BE ACCEPTED.



THERE WERE NO WORDS.
FOR SHE BREATHED
WORDLESS SYMPHONIES
INTO MY SOUL.



IS THERE AS YET
RESTLESSNESS
IN YOUR HEART,
WARRIOR?



NO, GENTLE
NYMPH. FOR YOU
HAVE FILLED
UP MY HEART
WITH LOVE.



LOVE? SO
SOON? THE EVIL
ONE SPOKE EVEN
OF LOVE TO ME,
THEN SOUGHT
TO END MY
EXISTENCE!

DO NOT TRY TO
DUPE ME. THIS GARDEN
IS MINE. DO NOT
TRY TO TAKE IT,
DAX!



FOR ALL I KNOW,
I MIGHT BE YET DYING
UPON THE BLISTERING
DESERT AND ALL THIS
BUT MY OWN FEVERED
DREAM.

IF I DECIDE TO
TAKE YOUR
INANE GARDEN,
I SHALL!

TAKE IT? I
DON'T EVEN KNOW
IF IT REALLY
EXISTS. NOR IF
DO YOU!



SO I WAS WRONG! YOU
ARE TRULY ACCURSED, DAX.
A PATHETIC CHILD SEEK-
ING TO PROVE MANHOOD BY
BRUTAL ASSERTION OF
YOUR MUSCLES AND GLANDS!

YOU ARE NO
BETTER THAN
THE EVIL
ONE.



THEN I'LL
CLUTTER UP EDEN
NO LONGER,
SHREW. SPIDER!



OF A SUDDEN, FELL
WRAITHS SLIPPED FROM
THE NETHER, REACHING
FOR THE WOMAN...!



NO!
NOOO!!



MY SWORD
WOULD NOT
PULL. I WAS
TRANSFIXED!



PHRIXESE...
I CANNOT
MOVE.



OAX! T-THE EVIL ONE
DREAMS FORTH
DEVILS...! H...HELP
ME!

TWAIN FORCES
STRUGGLED
WITHIN MY
CHEST.

MY SHRIVELING SOUL SWELLED,
FILLING WITH THE VILE PUS OF
EVIL, BRUTALITY, AND DAMNATION.

MADNESS SEEPED
INTO FESTERING
OPEN RENDS IN MY
SOUL, SMOTHERING
MY WAVERING
SANITY.

YET, STRONGER STILL
THAN ANY MADNESS
OR EMOTION...
MY WARRIOR'S
INSTINCT!



THE BANGHEES SCREAMED AS
DAX'S SWORD LEANED LOW TO
SING THEM A DIRGE OF DEATH.

BACK, DAMN YOU.
BACK TO DEATH AND
DREAMS OF HORROR'S
DOOM!



THE EVIL ONE!
IT WAS HE WHO
DREAM-FLUNG
THOSE AGAINST
US!



THEN WE'LL FIND
THE EVIL ONE AND
PUT AN END TO
HIS DREAMS...
TO HIS LIFE!



AND THUS WE HASTENED...
TO FIND THE EVIL ONE, THAT
I MAY MURDER HIM.

THAT WE MAY LIVE AND
KNOW NO DEATH... NO
TORMENT. DEATH EXISTS
THAT LIFE MIGHT PREVAIL.



URGING ME FORWARD, PHRIXESE
REALIZED MURDER MUST BE
DONE.

AND SO DID THE
EVIL ONE!



FITFUL IN DREAM-STREWN SLUMBER,
THE EVIL ONE FOUGHT AT US. HE
VOMITED FORTH ANOTHER DEMENTED
DEMON TO GUARD HIS WRETCHED
REPOSE.

I STOOD BETWEEN
MY WOMAN AND THE
VILE DREAM-CAST WORM.
SHE TOOK UP MY KNIFE
AND RACED UP THE
DAIS.

SHE RIPPED BACK THE SLEEPER'S
SHROUD! I SAW HIS FACE! SHE
RAISED THE KNIFE. MY FACE!
NO! HE WAS I! STOP!

I'M THE EVIL ONE!
THE THRUST!

THUS! MY EDEN DREAM ENDED!
MY OLD DREAM BEGAN ANEW, IN
TORMENT! SOMEWHERE GODS
LAUGHED AGAIN. AT DAX,
THE DAMNED!

YET I KNEW I WOULD
CONTINUE FROM
THERE

FOR IN MY END IS MY
BEGINNING ...!



I QUESTIONED MY FATHER,
ASKING THE MEANING OF
FEAR. HE REPLIED, "DAX,
MY SON, FEAR IS THE MOTHER
OF FORESIGHT."

THESE WOLVES, THESE CON-
QUERORS, PRIDED THEMSELVES
IN BEING MEN WITHOUT FEAR.
FEARLESS. FOOLS!

LOAD THESE
RABBITS
A SHIP!

CEASE THIS
RAPE! MOST FEARED
WARRIOR...O' JEHO
SUI, LEAVE THESE
FARMERS BE.

TAKE THEM NOT
INTO BONDAGE! SET
THEM GO OR BE
MERCIFUL...

YOU JUDGE
THE BETTER,
OLD MAN!
SLAVERY OR...

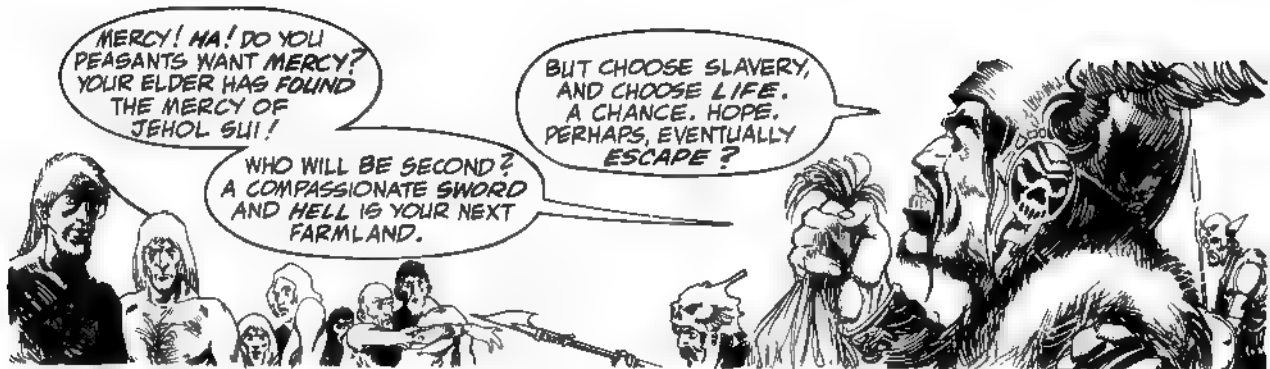
...A QUICK
SWORD!


THE GOLDEN LAKE

...GIVE THEM A
QUICK SWORD! EVEN
MY LIGHTLESS EYES
CAN SEE THEIR HELLISH
MISERY! THEY MAKE
POOR SLAVES!


DAX the DAMNED

AUHGG!






THE INNOCENT WERE
SACRIFICED TO THE
SCAVENGING CHILDREN
OF THE SEA GODS.




YET A BREATH MORE VENGEFUL
THAN FATE DIRECTS THE
GUIDING SAIL WINDS.




NO MATTER WHICH
WAY WE SET SAIL,
OUR COURSE RUNS
SOUTH.

SOUTH, LORD?
INTO THE
DYADUN SEA?
BUT, LORD...



...THERE LIES
LEGENDARY
BAHALLÉ KNAR.
THE CURS'D ISLE
OF TREASURE
UNDREAMED...




DAWN MISTS PART TO
SHOW THE WARLORD
SHADOW-HEWN
PEAKS, BAHALLÉ
KNAR, DEMON
ISLE.

...TREASURE, TO
SUPPLEMENT LOST
CARGO.



DOES JEHOI
SUI SECRETLY
FEEL A
DISTANT
PRICKING OF
FEAR?



IS THERE NO
FEAR OF THE
UNKNOWN?
NO FORESIGHT?
NO WISDOM,
JEHOI SUI?
COME FORTH
THEN...



...COME FORTH
AND BE GREETED
BY THE UNKNOWN.

WELCOME, MOST
NOBLE WARRIORS,
TO BAHALLÉ KNAR.
AN ENCHANTED
PLACE, I AM LORD
HERE. **DAX!**



JEHOL GUI KNOWS THIS PLACE! BEAR ME NO GREETING, BOY! SURRENDER ALL!

TELL YOUR HIDDEN WARRIORS ALL IS LOST!



THERE ARE **NO** WARRIORS. ONLY MY MAIDENS, THE CRENAE, WHO ARE GUARDIANS OF THE SPRINGS.

PERHAPS **THESE** ARE THE TREASURE FABLED OF THIS ISLE?



WELL NOW, LORD DAX OF THE CRENAE, REPLENISH MY WARMEN WITH **FOOD** AND **REST** AND I WILL RESCUE YOUR PEOPLE BACK TO CIVILIZATION...

...AS **SLAVES!**



GENEROUS, LORD. THERE IS LITTLE FOOD, BUT YOU ARE WELCOMED TO IT, AND WINE. ENTERTAINMENT THERE IS THOUGH, APLENTY.

LIKE GODDESSES THEY ARE. MUSCULAR LEGS, WIDE HIPS, FULL BREASTS. UMMPH!

ALL THIS YOU HAVE, BUT **NO FOOD?** PITY!

MY MAIDENS WERE INDEED HOPING YOU WOULD END UP FEEDING THEM!

AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT CRYPTIC COMMENT?

ONLY THAT WE ARE READY TO PAY FOR TAKING US AWAY FROM THIS ISLAND!

MY MAIDS ARE HUNGRY!

PAY? HOW? IN FISH HEADS AND SOFT BOBOMS?

THAT... OR GOLD! COME WITH ME!

A WALK DOWN THE BEACH LEADS TO A COVE WHERE THIS WARLORD TREMBLED AT THE SIGHT OF

GOLD! GEMS THE SIZE OF A MAN'S HEART!

BUT PLAYPRETTIES, BROUGHT FROM THE LAKE! THE RUBY LAKE!

RUBIES?

SUCH IS THE NAME OF THE LAKE.

MY CRENAE TELL ME THAT IN THE RUBY LAKE LIES THE WEALTH OF THE SEA GODS.

A LEGEND SPEAKS OF POSEIDON'S SIRENS... RAISING UP AN IDOL...

"...TO WORSHIP THE GODS OF THE UNDER-SEAS, AND BROUGHT THEY THERE SPLENDOR FROM THE OCEAN'S DEEP TO PLEASE THE GODS."

"AND THERE THE TREASURES LIE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE LAKE. MEANINGLESS TO US HERE."

DAX FLUNG BACK NIGHT'S SHADOWS
TO FIND THE FEARLESS JEHOI SUI
READY FOR VOYAGE.

LEGENDS ARE
FOR IDIOTS. YET
LEGEND LED
JEHOI SUI HERE!

I WILL
SEE THIS
LAKE OF
GOLD!

PERHAPS
ON THE
DAWNPINK
OF THE
MORROW?

YES, YES!
TONIGHT WE
REST, AND
EXTRACT THE
FISH HEAD AND
BOSOM PAYMENT
FROM YOUR
MAIDENS.



INWARD, TO THE HEART OF BAHALLE KNAR.

THE WARLORD'S DARS PULLED US THROUGH
THE MIST ENSHROUDED CANAL.

AS IF TO MATCH THE MYSTERY OF THE VOYAGE,
MY MAIDENS BEGAN A CHILLING SIREN'S SONG.

FEAR YOU YET, MY LORD? YET?



SILENTLY AS AN
INFANT'S DEATH,
THE WARSHIP
CAME UPON THE
ENSORCERRED
LAKE.

AND
DEEP
BELOW,
AS IF
PEERING
THROUGH
A
SHIMMER-
ING
MIRROR...

...THE
TREASURE
OF THE
GODS!



ANCHOR WE
HERE! HAVE THE
CRENAE BRING
ME TRIBUTE!

DONE!
FLY MY
NEREIDS!

LIKE SILVER FLASHING
IN AN INSTANT OF SUN-
LIGHT, WE DOVE.



AND WERE GONE.

MY ENCHANTRESSES SWAM TOWARD
THE ANCIENT IDOL, THERE THEIR
MORE ANCIENT RITE TO ENVOKE.

YET LORD JEHOI SUI? SURELY
BY NOW.

ESCAPING FROM A GALLEY SHIP,
MONTHS AGO, I AWOKE AMONG
THESE ENRAPTURING CREATURES.
HAVING LIVED THROUGH THE SEA'S
TEMPEST, THEY PROCLAIMED DAX
A LORD.

AND 'TIL I LEAVE THEM,
AS LORD, AND THEY LIKE MY
CHILDREN, IT IS MINE TO
PROVIDE FOR THEIR NEEDS...

...TO PROTECT THEIR DOMAIN.
THUS, IN A DUAL EFFORT...

I RIPPED AT THE WARSHIP
UNTIL THE RUBY LAKE RUSHED
IN!

WHAT BENEFITS A FEARLESS MAN, JEHOI SUI?
WHAT BENEFITS A FOOL? NOW YOU FEEL
ANGER ...



...BUT ALL TOO LATE YOU WILL KNOW FEAR.

NOW! JEHOI SUI KNOWS NAMELESS TERROR AS BENEATH THE BROLLING WATERS HE SEES THE CRENAE OF DAX BECOME SCALED HORRORS. GRIMLY GRINNING FACES UPON THE IDOL OF THE SEA GODS RADIATE AN AURA OF SUBLIME JUSTICE.

MY LORD MUST KNOW SOUL-WITHERING FEAR AS HE SEES THE RUBY LAKE TURN RUBY RED... HIS OWN BLOOD BOILING UPWARD IN BILLOWING CRIMSON CLOUDS.

MY OFFICE IS FULFILLED MIGHTY LORD.

I HAVE PROTECTED MY MAIDENS, THEIR TREASURE!

I HAVE PROVIDED A WEALTH OF FOOD FOR THEM.

AND SURELY I HAVE PLEASSED THE SEA GODS IN BRINGING THIS SON OF EVIL TO EXECUTION!

THANK YOU, JEHOI SUI, FOR MAKING DAX A MOST SUCCESSFUL KING.

LONG DWELT I WITH MY CRENAE AS RULER, LOVER AND PROVIDER ERE I VENTURED AWAY.

AND LO! EACH TIME I LINGERED, HEARING THEIR UNWORLDLY VOCABLES IN CHILLING SWEET VOICES... I COULD NEVER HELP KNOWING THE ICY, FORESEEING FEELING... OF FEAR!

PHROMOG!
YOU MAGGOT
SUCKER! GIRD
YOURSELF AND
HIE THEE HENCE!

MEN COME THIS
WAY! KILL THEM!
BUTCHER THEM...
THEN FETCH THEM
HERE...

THE WITCH THE MANEATER

...FOR THE STEWPOT!
HURRY AND BRING
ME MANFLESH!
NOW!

HIE AWAY!
FAIL ME, PHROMOG,
AND I'LL SUCK
THE JELLY OUT OF
YOUR EYES!

DAX the DAMNED

WAR RAGED IN LANDS AFAR. I
SOLD THE SWORD OF DAX FOR
THE YELLOW GOLD.

AND I LED MEN FROM WAR TO WAR.
HARD MEN AND TRUE. I WOULD DIE
FOR ANY ONE. SUCH WERE THEY.

SNOW AGAIN
TONIGHT. MAKE
OUR FIRES HERE
OR PERHAPS
DOWN TH--



SUDDENLY SCREAMING DEMONS MATERIALIZED ABOVE US! RIDER AND RIDDEN BOTH REEKING SULPHUR FROM THE CHARRED GATES OF HELL.

WARHORSES, MURDER-TRAINED AND WARMEN, BLOOD-HARDENED ERUPTED INTO A MAELSTROM OF TERROR.

EVEN I, DAX... WARRIOR! SCREAMED LIKE A SUCKLING.

AND MY STALWART STAXION, FINEST OF STEEDFLESH WENT **BLIND** BEFORE THE HORRORS.



FEAR MADE HIS NOBLE HEART BETRAY ME. AND LEAVE ME.

THUMP!



TIME PASSED UNTIL I AWOKE FROM WITHIN MY OWN DARKENED PIT. THE DEVIL ROADKEEPERS HAD EXTRACTED A TERRIBLE TOLL FROM ME...

...MY... MEN!



THERE WAS WAR HERE! BUT NO DEAD! NO WOUNDED!

THAT TROLL RIDER! HE TOOK MY HEROES!

ALONE AND AFOOT, ALL THE ANIMALS BUTCHERED TO USE-LESSNESS, I STUMBLED ACROSS ACCURSED GROUND, THEN...

A DEAD FORTRESS. A LODGING FOR THE NAMELESS.





THROUGH A CRACK, AS A MOUSE, INTO THE MADDOG'S LAIR CREPT I... IN SEARCH OF BRETHREN.

FETID DEVILTRY DOOZED FROM THE VERY PORES OF THESE GRANITES.

FAINT WITH HUNGER, THE SHARP ODOR OF PUNGENT SEARING FAT AFIRE STUNG MY NOSTRILS.

FOLLOWING AN UNSEEN CAULDRON'S AROMA, I STOLE THROUGH THE HAUNTED PLACE TILL I FOUND THE COOK...

THROUGH THE EYE SHARTING SMOKE I DISCERNED BOTH WITCH AND TROLL DINING ON SUCULENT...

THE MALEFICENT CHAMBERINGS HUNG WITH A PALL OF ATROCITIES... THE FLESHLESS REMAINS OF ONCE-LIVING MEN...



HUMAN FLESH!
THEY'RE EATING
MY WARRIORS!!

THESE DEPRAVED DEVIL-GHOULS SUCKED THE BOILED MEAT FROM THE BONE.

THE MEAT WAS SURELY TOO TOUGH FOR T'WAS THE MEAT OF DAY'S HEROES!

HELD FAST BY NUMBED DISGUST I STARED, UNTIL THE TROLL PICKED UP AN ARM WITH A CRESCENT SCAR... THE ARM OF YOUNG BRELLE. EIGHTEEN AND FAIR, BRELLE MY FAVORITE. I SPRANG IN WARCRY...

YAAAAA/EE!
COME CHEW THE ARM OF DAY THE DEMON SLAYER, YOU MAGGOT FUKES!



NO SWORD, NO LANCE, NO MORNING STAR
WOULD DO. NO DEATH WOULD THIS WORM
FIND BUT THE SEETHING DEATH WITHIN MY
HEART!

GOD'S TEETH!
I TREMBLED
TO RIP HIS
BODY OPEN
WITH MY TEETH
AND NAILS...



BUT I COULD NOT WAIT SO LONG
TO SEE HIS STEAMING GUTS.



GODSDAMN YOUR
REEKING BOWELS,
WITCH! I'M GOING
TO PULL OUT YOUR
RECTUM THROUGH
YOUR MOUTH!

YET THE FESTER-
ING HAG STOOD
FAST.

AND SUCKED
MY SOUL
INTO THAT EYE!

REEEEEE!
KEEP YE FROM
ME, SLIME...
BLOOD WORM!



THE EARTH ROSE UP ABOUT MY BODY. GRAY MISTS ENSHROUDED MY RAGING MIND. COLD FIRE-STARs BURST BEHIND MY EYES.

THEN PAIN...

WITHOUT END...

THEN CHANGE...

THE MAN WITHIN ME SCREAMED IN DAMNATION... IN FUTILITY.

THEN THE CRIES OF DESPAIR GREW FAINT, DISTANT, AND WAS I THUS SOON INAUDIBLE.

WITH HEINOUS END!

AND SORROWFULLY, I REMEMBERED NOT THE NAME OF DAX... MY WARRIORS... MY WORLD!

CHANGE, WARRIOR... LET YOUR BODY RESHAPE ITSELF...

...BECOME WHAT ONCE YOU FOOLISH HUMANS WERE...

...A MINDLESS BEAST OF SCAVENGE!



ALAS LITTLE
BRUTE... HAVE YOU
NO NAME? HAVE
YOU NO PAST?

BE A
SWEET AND I
WILL LODGE YOU
HERE! PERHAPS
ONE DAY KERES
WILL GIVE YOU
BACK YOUR
MIND...



...AND THAT
BEAUTIFUL BODY
TO STUFF IT INTO.
BEAUTIFUL BODY.
ALACK!

WE HAVE BOTH
LOST OUR BEAUTY,
LITTLE APE.
YOURS THROUGH
BLACK ARTS,
MINE THROUGH
ANGUISHING
TIME.



ONCE MEN CON-
VULSED FOR WANT
OF TOUCHING MY
FLESH... SO LOVELY
WAS I. FAIR,
GODDESS-LIKE...

BUT TIME
RAVAGED. BEAUTY
WANED. DID YOU
KNOW HUMAN
HEARTS CHARMED
WITH SPELLS
RETURN YOUTH?



YES! I'LL
ENCHANT WITH
POTIONS THE
HEARTS OF YOUNG
WARRIORS, EAT
THEM AND BE
YOUNG AGAIN!
BEAUTIFUL!
REEEE!!



THANK YOU FOR
YOUR COMRADES,
ONCE-WARRIOR.
THEIR HEARTS WILL
SERVE KERES
BEAUTIFULLY.
HEH HEH HEH!

YOU MUST
REMAIN HERE...
WHILE I PRE-
PARE FOR THE
MYSTIC SPELL.



THE MIND OF THE APE SWIRLED
WITH VAGUE THOUGHTS, DIM SHAPES,
CONFUSING FIGURES... PATTERNS
WHICH MY HUMAN MIND SHOVED
TOWARD THE LIGHT.

YET I WAS HOPELESSLY BURIED
WITHIN THE PRIMORDIAL STUPIDITY.
I STROVE... AND DAX DID DUEL
WITH THE APE.



THEN FROM THE SIDE OF THE CASTLE WALL,
A DEADLY SERPENT SLITHERED.

HUNGERING
INSTINCT
PUSHED IT
TOWARD ME.

THE APE WOULD HAVE FLOWN
SHRIEKING FROM THE REPTILE...
YET THE WARRIOR SPRUNG UP-
WARD FROM MY SOUL...

MAN INSTINCT AGAINST APE
INSTINCT...

THE INSTINCT TO SURVIVE
PREVAILING OVER ALL!

I FELT THE WARRIOR'S RATIONALITY
SPINNING FORTH AGAINST THE
APE! IT SPUN FORTH SOME
MEASURE OF DIM REASONING.

I SANK THE FANGS INTO
A DEAD COMRADE'S
HEART.

ENTERTAINING
YOURSELF, LITTLE APE?
GOOD, YOU'RE
ADAPTING!

NOW, HIE YE ALONG...AND
RIP OUT THE HEARTS
OF THESE HEROES. THE
POTIONS ARE READY!

THE VILE WORK WAS DONE
AND THE VOCABLES SPAKE...

FOUL KERES GOBBLED
THE DRIPPING HEARTS.
I WATCHED... WAITING.



BY THE
GUTS OF THE
GODS! 'TIS
DONE!



AND LO!...THE
TRANSFIGURATION BEGAN.



AHHH...THE
BLOOD SINGS...
MUSCLES GLOW!
I AM ONCE MORE
BEAUTIFUL KERES.
ENCHANTRESS!
WITCH NO MORE!

COME BEFORE
ME WARRIOR...
MY LOINS
SCREAM FOR
YOU!

THE PARTED, SUCCULENT LIPS CHANTED.

THUS!...IN BUT THE TWINKLING OF TIME,
MY SOUL SHATTERED THROUGH THE
ANIMAL FORM AND SO STOOD I THERE
AGAIN, DAX... MAN AND WARRIOR!

EVEN AS THE WOMAN CONVULSED,
PITCHED FORWARD, VOMITING BILE!



AAHHHHHHH

I... I AM BILIOUS...
SUDDENLY FILLED WITH
DEATH! WHAT IS
WRONG?

THIS DOES NOT...
GASP! I AM DYING!
NOOOOOO!!
I CANNOT...
CANNOT NOW...
REEEEE!
AAHHH... AH...

GREED... VANITY...
MURDER MOST VILE,
WITCH! THREE DEADLY
SINS WHICH ARE BUT
POISON TO HEART
AND SOUL.

YOUR BEAUTY
WAS ENOUGH TO
MURDER FOR!
WAS IT ENOUGH
TO DIE FOR?

NOW HURRY!
DIE! AND EXPLAIN
YOURSELF TO MY
WARRIORS. THEY
WAIT FOR YOU...

...IN HELL'S
DOMAIN!

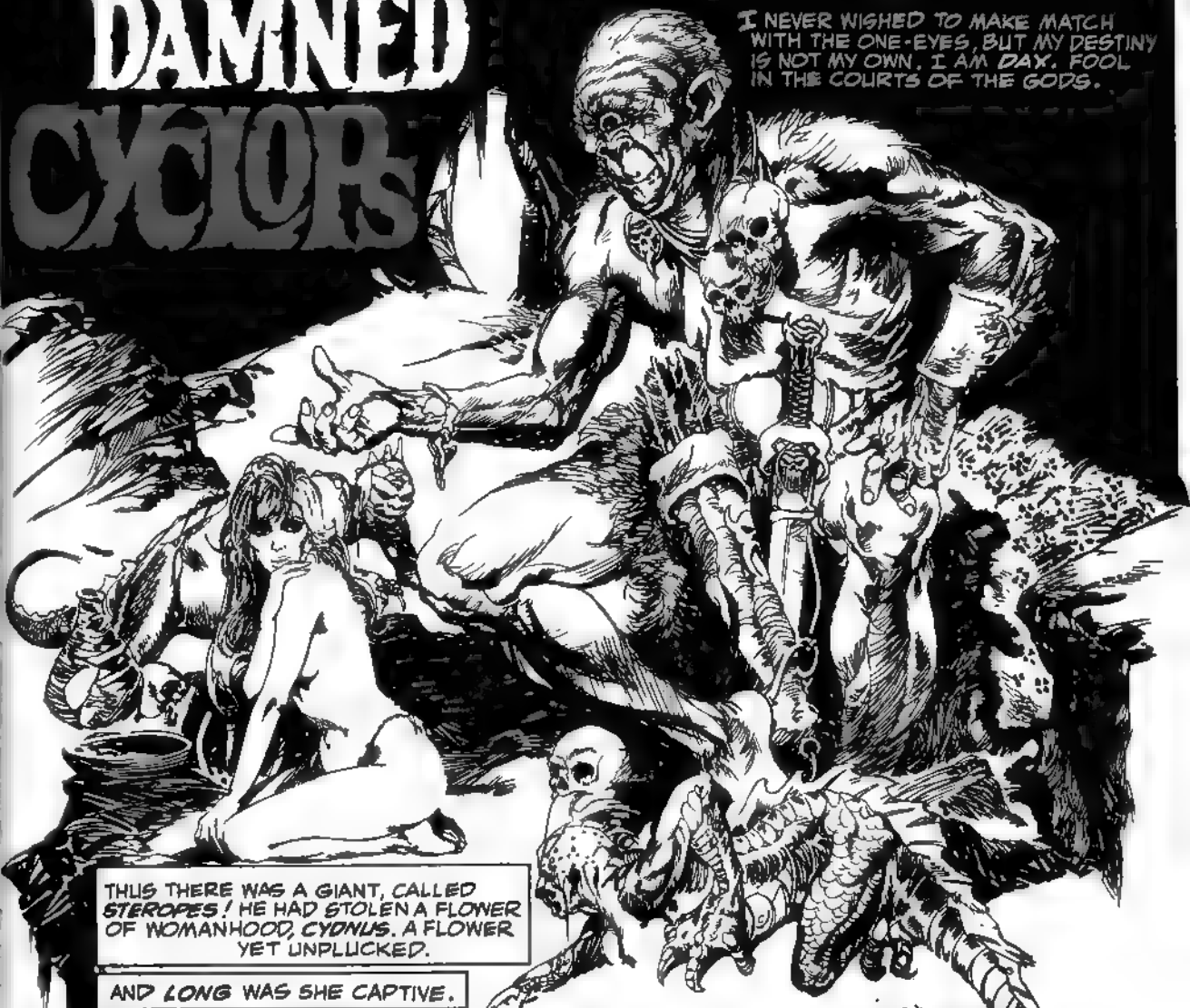


DAX the DAMNED CYCLOPS

AND LIVING IN THOSE LANDS WERE GIANTS...
COLOSSI OF EXCEEDING HEIGHT AND GIRTH
WHICH HELD MORTALS IN QUAVING TERROR!

AND THEY WERE CALLED CYCLOPS, AND THEY
STOLE THE FAIREST OF WOMEN TO TAKE AS
MATES!

I NEVER WISHED TO MAKE MATCH
WITH THE ONE-EYES, BUT MY DESTINY
IS NOT MY OWN. I AM DAX. FOOL
IN THE COURTS OF THE GODS.



THUS THERE WAS A GIANT, CALLED
STEROPES! HE HAD STOLEN A FLOWER
OF WOMANHOOD, CYDNUS. A FLOWER
YET UNPLUCKED.

AND LONG WAS SHE CAPTIVE.

THEN CAME THE DAY STEROPES
LEFT HER GUARDED BY HIS
BEASTS.

A PRISONER
KNOWS WHEN
THE MOMENT
IS COME...

...TO RUN!



TO RUN...TO ESCAPE...TO FLEE AND
TOUCH THE SUN. TOUCH TONGUE TO
BRIGHT, SWEET FREEDOM. TO DRAG
THE CHAIN BEHIND IN
A MAD CHASE OF
INSANE ABANDON.



WHEN NAUGHT ELSE MATTERS,
EVEN SHOULD THE HOUNDS OF
HELL BE UPON YOUR HEELS...
MAKE A DASH, MAKE A BID,
COME HITHER DEATH RATHER
THAN BONDAGE!

THUS RAN
THE GIRL...



...LEADING
THE
BEASTS...

...TO ME!


AND THE YEW
BOX OF DAY
SANG THEM A
DEATH SONG.



I HAVE SEARCHED
FOR YOU! WANDERING
THROUGH YOUR VILLAGE
THEY TOLD ME OF
THE... GIANT?


'DEED, THEY ARE
REAL. HE, A CYCLOPS
CALLED STEROPES,
STOLE ME AS
BRIDE!





STEROPES AND
HIS BRETHREN
HAVE STOLEN
MANY BEFORE...

...BUT I CHOOSE
DEATH RATHER
THAN SUBMIT!



AND DEATH I
WOULD HAVE FOUND
WERE IT NOT
FOR... FOR--




HER
HORRORS
CAUGHT UP
TO HER NOW
THAT SHE
WAS SAFE.
I LET HER
CRY. TEARS
CLEANSE
A WOMAN'S
SOUL.




YET HERE WAS NO PLACE
TO TARRY LONG.

CYDNUS,
HURRY HOME.
CEASE YOUR
VILLAGE'S
FEARS.




I'LL FOLLOW THE
TRAIL OF STEROPES
AND END HIS
THIEVING!

BUT... DAX...
I WOULD NOT
LEAVE YOU
SO.



TOGETHER WE TROD THE
ILL-BODING MOUNTAINS,
WHERE THE COLOSSI HAUNT.



AND ALAS!
NEITHER WOULD
I LEAVE
LOVELY CYDNUS!



SCALING THE RAGGED PEAKS, WE FROZE AS A BRACE OF BLOOD-WRAITHS FLEW FROM THE SUN.

MORE THAN GIANTS INHABITED THESE GRANITE SPIRES.



MY YEW BOW SHRIEKED.

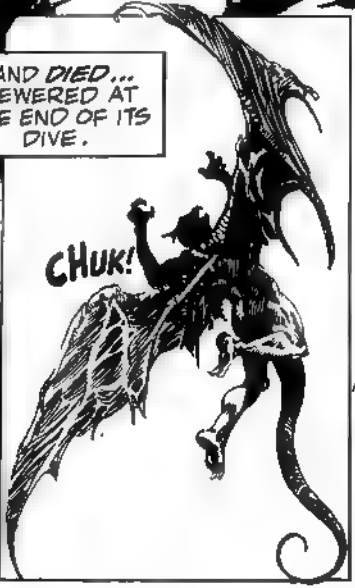


YET ERE I COULD NOTCH A SECOND OAK SHAFT, THE MALE WRAITH FELL LIKE A SCREAMING STAR.



YAAAGGHH

AND DIED... SKEWERED AT THE END OF ITS DIVE.



CHUK!



THESE DEMONS DEAD AND DAMNED BE. BUT MY DELICATE FLOWER LAY WITHERED, CRUSHED IN MY HANDS.



THE GODS HAD CHOSEN A MOST PRECIOUS BLOSSOM TO GRACE THE HALLS OF HEAVEN!

AND THUS LEFT ME... BUT SORROWFUL SWEET ASHES.



HALT!



WHAT DO YOU WISH FROM ME?



IS THIS DAX? THE WARRIOR AND STALKER OF MY CYCLOPEAN CHILDREN?

WHAT DO YOU, IN THE HALL OF GAEA?

I LAY TO REST A GENTLE DOVE, GAEA, FATHER OF MONSTERS! GIVE ME A MOMENT, THEN I'LL KILL YOU.

DON'T BOTHER TO BURY THE SOW. JUST LEAVE HER. SOONER OR LATER SOMETHING WILL EAT HER AND SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE!

OH! DON'T GLOWER AT ME! I HAVE SOMETHING OF MORE PRESSING NEED!

IF YOU DON'T KNOW, I AM MASTER OVER HUNDREDS OF GIANTS, TROLLS AND OTHER CREATIONS.

I KNOW OF YOU... AND I SUMMON YOUR HELP. BE MY GENERAL! RULE OVER MY CHILDREN, AND BE AS A GOD!

RULE MONSTERS OF THE EARTH... GOD DAX!

THERE WAS A CHESS GAME ONCE. DAX TASTED THE POWER OF A GOD! AND I CONDEMNED MY LOVED ONES TO DEATH'S DARK LABYRINTHS FOREVER!

GO YE TO HELL!



ANSWERED! BUT 'T WILL BE THEE IN HELL THIS NIGHT... NOT I!



STEROPES!



THE ONE EYE CLUFFED
ME FROM GRANITE WALL
TO GRANITE WALL. I
REBOUNDED LIKE A
CHILD'S TOY.

YET DAMN HIS SOUL...
I WOULD NOT DIE!

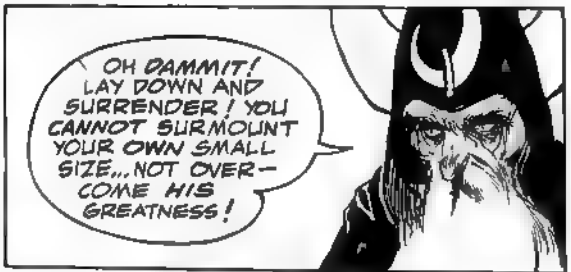


COME NOW!
YOU PROLONG
THY MISERY!

ALL YOU HAVE TO
DO IS EMBRACE DEATH!
SHOW ME HOW A
PITIFULLY SMALL
MAN DIES!



YES...UHHH...
I-I'LL SHOW
YOU...I'LL...
SHOW YOU.



OH DAMMIT!
LAY DOWN AND
SURRENDER! YOU
CANNOT SURMOUNT
YOUR OWN SMALL
SIZE...NOT OVER-
COME HIS
GREATNESS!



A FLEA
CAN MAKE
AN OX
WINCE!

STEROPES HOWLED AS I
LEAPT BENEATH HIS
CLUTCHING FINGERS.

MY KNIFE MADE NO LOST
MOTION AS IT KEENLY
SEVERED A GIGANTIC
HEEL STRING...



... THEN DARTED LIKE
AN ADDER'S
STRIKE, SEVERING
THE OTHER!



THE THICK MINDED BRUTE
BELLOWED IN PAIN AND
CONFUSION. HAMSTRUNG,
STEROPES FLOUNDERED
HELPLESS.



BLOOD, STEAMING,
SPLATTERED
AS I SPRANG.

YAAAAAAGGGGHHHHH



THOUGH DAX WAS SMALL
AND PITIFUL, I STOOD
NOW FAR TALLER THAN
THE CYCLOPS. FAR.

FATHER...
BEHOLD
THY CHILD!

NOW, GUT-SUCKING
OLD MAGGOT... BEND
CLOSE AND KISS THE
CHEEK OF THE VICTOR.
THAT I MAY HAVE
YOUR HEAD NEXT!

OR FLY, DEFEATED,
BACK TO HEAVEN OR
HELL OR THE NETHER
AND BOTHER PITIFULLY
SMALL MEN NO MORE.

REMEMBER,
FEAR NOT A MAN
IF HE IS BIG, NOR
UNDERESTIMATE
HIM IF HE IS SMALL...
FOR BUT A SINGLE
GRAIN OF SAND
WILL CLOSE ANY
MAN'S EYE!

THE EVIL LORD CURSED
THE NAME OF DAX EVEN
AS HE ROSE LIKE BLACK
SWIRLING MIST TO THE
ROOF OF THE CAVE.

BUT THE LONG SHADOWS OF
EVENING CLOSED ABOUT MY
HEART, AS I RETURNED TO
THE SOIL A MOST GENTLE
FLOWER... SAYING FOREVER...
GOODBYE.

AND SO LIKE THE ENDING
OF NIGHT AND FEAR, WAS
GONE!

DAX the DAMNED

STARLIGHT

THE FROZEN BREATH OF WINTER HAD MELTED BEFORE SUMMER'S WARM SMILE FOUR TIMES SINCE I LEARNED I WAS CHOSEN BY THE GODS TO WALK MY EARTH CURSED. PAWN UPON A DISTANT BOARD OF FATE WAS I.

HOW LONG CAN A MAN ENDURE CONSTANT TORTURE? NO LONGER COULD I. THUS I SOUGHT TO ESCAPE THE PRYING EYES OF THE TRICKSTER GODS.

I FLED TO THE EDGE OF THE EARTH. THERE TO HIDE. TO REST. TO REFLECT UPON MY LIFE. SAFE IN THE JUNGLES WHERE NO MAN NOR GOD HAD WALKED BEFORE.

AMID THE OOZING GREEN LUSH GARDENS OF TIME LOST, I FOUND PEACE. THE ONLY SOUNDS I HEARD OF MAN, WERE THOSE I MADE MYSELF.

WHAT?
A CRY?
IT CAN'T
BE!

AN INVADER
IN MY REALM!
YET... I MUST
HELP HIS
AGONY!

I DROVE THROUGH THE
TEEMING UNDERGROWTH,
FOLLOWING THE
DISTRESSED CRIES... AND
CAME OUT UPON A VELD.
WHERE I FOUND...

A BEAST...
ATTACKING
THOSE
HELPLESS
HUMAN!

IN THIS VALLEY
I HAD SEEN MANY
OF THE GREAT
LIZARDS REFUSING
TO YIELD TO TIME'S
TOLL. WILY THEY
WERE, AND MALIGN.

IT WHEELED,
SEEING ME TAKE
POSITION TO
MEET HIM.

HAVING DONE WITH THE MAN,
THE HORNED ONE TURNED...
EYES BURNING TOWARD
THE WOMAN.

HE CAME!

INTELLIGENT OR NOT, THIS
ANCIENT BEAST WOULD NOT
HARM HER.

HOOOO!
HERE! HERE
FAT ONE!
THIS WAY!

AND WORLDS COLLIDED!

THANK!

THANKS TO THE
GODS, FELLOW...
I THOUGHT
BIG HORN HAD
KILLED YOU.

I ALSO THOUGHT
I WAS ALONE
IN THESE JUNGLES.

LAY HANDS ON ME
AGAIN, OUTLANDER,
AND I'LL CUT
THEM OFF!

I OWE MY LIFE
TO YOU, BARBARIAN.
MY NAME IS AUR AUR
AND I RETURN YOUR
FAVOR.

I SAVE YOUR
LIFE BY NOT
SLAYING YOU
NOW.

WELL THEN,
FAT MOUTH, I
SUPPOSE WE'RE
EVEN!

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YOUR WOMAN...
SHE SPEAKS LIKE
THE CHIMING
OF BELLS.

TURN YOUR
EYES AWAY
FROM HER.

SHE STOOD, BOUND AND
HELPLESS. HER SKIN
SPARKLED LIKE DISTANT
STARS.

THIS WOMAN IS MY
CAPTIVE, NOT MY MATE.
LOOK UPON HER ONCE
MORE AND I WILL
STRIKE OUT YOUR
EYES!

NOW, FLEE
FROM THIS
PLACE IN
TERROR OF
YOUR LIFE!

IT IS MINE, AND
IT IS AUR AUR'S
RIGHT TO GIVE OR
TAKE THE LIFE OF
ANYTHING
WITHIN IT!

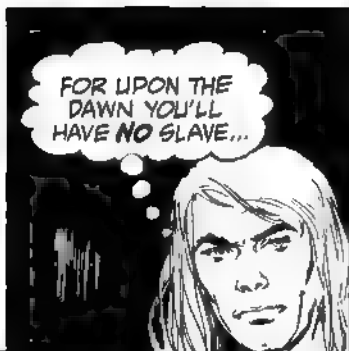
JUST AS YOU
WERE GETTING
READY TO
SEVERLY
CHASTISE THAT
THUNDER
LIZARD, ah
AUR AUR Z'

I AM A BARBARIAN!
I CAN SUFFER AND
DELIVER MUCH...
BUT NEVER SLAVERY!

I'LL SEE
YOU THIS
NIGHT,
AUR AUR.



REST YOU
WELL TONIGHT,
FAT ASS...



FOR UPON THE
DAWN YOU'LL
HAVE NO SLAVE...



... AND I
SHALL HAVE
A MATE.

VISIONS OF THE STARLIGHTED WOMAN
HAUNTED MY FOOTSTEPS AS I
FOLLOWED THEM.

I WANTED TO SKEWER THE PIG
AUR AUR WHEN HE TOUCHED HER.



BUT WHAT SENSE
IS IT TO TAKE A
LIFE IN ANGER
WHEN YOU HAVE
RISKED A NECK
TO SAVE IT?

PULLING HER HIGH
INTO THE BRANCHES
TO FREEDOM, SHE
THANKED ME WITH
A LUST-FILLED
SMILE!



THAT NIGHT, I FASHIONED A ROPE OF HEMP
AS I WATCHED AUR AUR FALL SLEEP, THEN
I LOWERED IT TO THE GIRL.

SHE LOOKED UP,
SAW ME, SMILED
AND TOOK THE
ROPE.

COVERING OUR MOUTHS TO
HOLD BACK BELLY KNOTTING
GIGGLES, WE RAN TOGETHER
INTO THE SOFT FOLDS OF
DARKNESS...!

MILES FADED BENEATH OUR FEET AS WE
RAN UNTIRINGLY.

SHE HELD MY HAND AND
SENSATIONS LIKE LIVING
STARBURSTS COURSED
THROUGH MY BODY.

THE MOST UNIQUE
CREATURE AS I HAD
SEEN IN ALL THE
UNIVERSE.

EXHILERATING HOURS SWIFTED BY US AS DEEP
AND DEEPER INTO THE NIGHTED JUNGLE RAN
DAX AND MY GLOWING ENCHANTRESS.

AND SOON, ERE THE GENTLE
COMING OF DAWN, UP AND
AWAY FROM THE FOREST PATH,
THERE WAS A CAVE.

NO HUNTER'S EYES
WILL FIND THIS
SANCTUARY, PET.
WE CAN REST
HERE.

YET... JUST
TOUCHING
YOU...

...STIMULATES,
EXCITES
ME.

I AM NOT EVEN
TIRED...YES...
WE'LL LAY
HERE.

I WAS, INDEED,
BEGUILED AND
FILLED WITH
NEED...

...NEED TO TOUCH...

...TO HOLD...

...ENDLESSLY.

FEARS OF THE HUNT, THE CHASE,
FOR THIS ONE STAR STREWN
MOMENT IN TIME, HUNG SUSPENDED,
DREAM-LIKE, DISTANT AND FAR AWAY.

GOD... THAT I MAY EVER RECOVER
THAT MOMENT.



BUT CAME THE DAY... AND SO PARTED
THE MAGIC BEDCLOTHES OF AN EN-
RAPTURED NIGHT. THE JOURNEY
HAD NEEDS TO CONTINUE.

I KNOW NOT WHERE
TO TAKE YOU, OTHER THAN
RETURN TO THE CIVILIZED
WORLD... OR PLUNGE DEEPER
INTO AN UNKNOWN ONE.

WHEREVER, IT WILL
BE HEAVEN
WITH YOU.



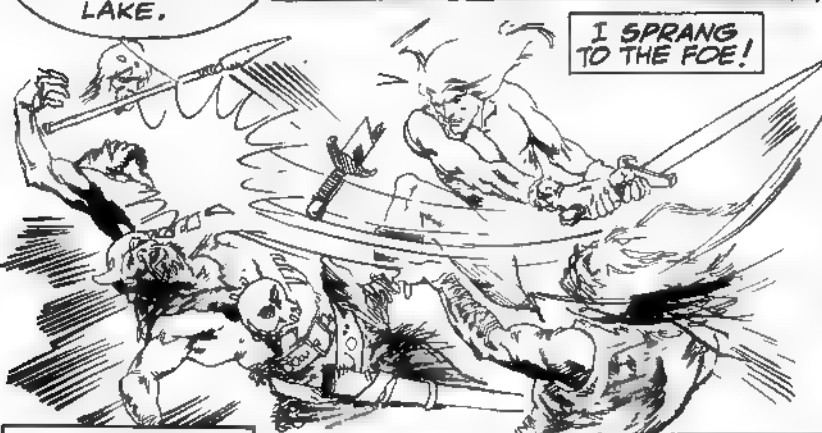
WHAT SAY? YONDER
WAY YOU WANT TO GO?
SO BE IT THEN, PER-
HAPS THIS JUNGLE IS
YOUR DOMAIN AND
YOU KNOW BEST.

YET OF A SUDDEN, AUR AUR AND
A SCORE OF WARRIORS RINGED
US. HE'D COME FOR VENGEANCE.



AH, I SEE WHAT
YOU WISH... WATER...
AND THE CRYSTAL
CLEARNESS OF A
YONDER SILVER
LAKE.

I SPRANG
TO THE FOE!



SO! THE
OFFSPRING OF
A ROAST
SUCKLING HAS
FOUND US!

AND SENT AUR AUR
QUICKLY TO HELL
UNAVENGED.



GO, WOMAN! GET
AWAY FROM HERE!

I CAN'T CONTAIN
THEM MUCH
LONGER.



THE WARSWORD OF DAX
SLUNG AN ANCIENT LAY
OF DOOM...

...BUT THE KILLING
STROKES BECAME
NUMBERED IN MY
ARM, I HAD TO
HOLD THEM.



FROM THE EDGE OF MY
EYE, I SAW MY STARCHILD
LEAP INTO THE POOL AND
COME NOT A SURFACE
AGAIN.



THE POOL WAS COLD AND
DARK AND MORE OLD THAN
TIME WITH DEEP
MYSTERIES.

WHILE I FOUGHT THE
JACKALS MY HEART WEPT,
KNOWING SHE FLOATED
LIFELESS, DROWNED...
LOST TO THE LOVE OF
DAX.

YET, SHE WAS NOT DROWN'D.
SHE FACED A VISAGE WITHIN
THE DEPTHS...OF REPTILIAN
EVIL INCARNATE.



AND
SWAM
DIRECTLY
INTO
THE
BEAST'S
YAWNING
MAW.



KNOWLEDGE OF MY
LOVER'S DEATH
WEAKENED MY
SWORDARM.



EXHAUSTED,
THE DEVIL'S
HOUNDS POISED
WICKED TEETH
ABOVE MY
THROAT...

...BUT NEVER
DID THEY RIP
MY FLESH.



THE WARRIORS
WRITHED AS
CRACKLING
FIRE COVERED
THEIR FORMS...

...CONSUMING
THEM IN AN
EYE'S BAT.



POOLS OF
SEARING
FAT
WHERE
THEY
STOOD...
WAS ALL
REMAINING.

MY SKIN CRAWLED LIKE ANTS
AND MY MUSCLES SPASMED.
WHAT SORCERY WAS THIS?

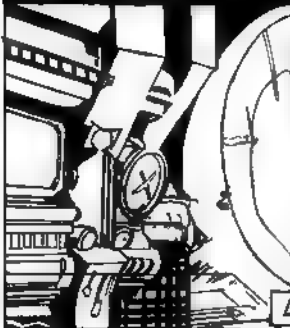
THEN LO!... I LOOKED INTO
THE LAKE AND BEHOLD! IT
BOILED OF ITS OWN ACCORD.
AND AT ONCE, AS A DEMON
ERUPTING FROM HELL'S
FIRE... A MONSTER!



A BEAST CARRYING WITHIN ITS
BULLET MY STARTWINKLING
LOVE. LOST FROM ME FOR-
EVER.

AND IT ROSE INTO THE HEAVENS,
ACROSS THE GLOWING FACE OF
THE SUN, PAST CLOUDS, PAST
HOPE... AND THUS, LIKE THE
TEARS DRYING UPON MY CHEEKS...
WAS GONE!

"RESEARCH SHIP OF PEACE, GEMMA 5, MISSION REPORT: THE FINAL HOURS I SPENT
UPON THE SAVAGE PLANET CALLED EARTH WERE THOSE OF TERROR AND...
SOMETHING INEXPLICABLE."



"THIS WORLD IS FAR TOO ALIEN AND
BRUTAL TO INHABIT. OUR SEARCH
MUST CONTINUE ELSEWHERE IN
THE GALAXY."

"OUR PEACEFUL WAYS OF GOODWILL
AND HARMONY WOULD BE CRUSHED BY
THE PRIMORDIAL TRIBES OF EARTH.
THERE IS NO HOPE THAT THESE PEOPLE
WILL EVOLVE INTO HUMANE, FEELING
UNIFIED COLONIES, THROUGH THEIR OWN
VICIOUSNESS THEY ARE FOREVER LOST.
LEAVE THEM TO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION."

"ALL ARE ANIMALS. EXCEPT... FOR ONE... EXCEPT PERHAPS... FOR ONE."



I AM WEARY. I COULD SEE DOWN MY ROAD. **DARKNESS** LAY THERE. I CHERISHED **NOT** THE DEEPNESS OF THE DARK. I **FEARED** AND **HATED** IT. WEARINESS HAD COME TO FIND MY SOUL, SLOW MY MUSCLES, COOL THE FIRE THAT BURNED ONCE LIKE A COMET IN MY HEART.

I KNEW EVEN AS I RODE MY MOUNT INTO THE SWAMPLANDS, THAT MY **WARS** HAD DWINDLED DOWN TO BUT **FEW** MORE.

BEHIND ME LAY TORMENTED **MEMORIES**, BEFORE ME LAY THE **UNKNOWN**, AND NOW, I HAD NOT THE HEART TO FACE **EITHER**.

EVEN THE SUN CREPT LIKE A SICK MAN TO HIS DEATHBED. YET THERE WAS NOT EVEN A **DEATHBED** FOR **DAX**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GENTLY, STEED...
GO GENTLY.
SOON WE WILL
TAKE OUR **REST**.

GODSDAMN!
THESE SANDS HAVE
GONE QUICK
BENEATH US, WE'RE
TRAPPED, UNLESS...

I CAN
SAVE
MYSELF!



FAREWELL, MY
POOR STEED. I PRAY
YOU FIND **GREEN
PASTURES** IN THE
LAND BEYOND
THE GATES.



TAKING LEAVE OF MY
LONGTIME FRIEND,
COMMENDING HIS
SPIRIT FOR BRAVE
SERVICE, I TOOK TO
A LIMB TO LAY ME
A'REST.

BUT THERE WAS **SOMETHING**
AFOOT, **HOWLING** ACROSS
THE FETID STEAMING MARSH,
HOWLING... HOWLING.

THE THING'D **NOT**
LEAVE ME BE AND
TOOK I TO SHOUTING
BACK CURSES AT IT
UNTIL MY FATIGUE
SENT ME TO SLEEP.



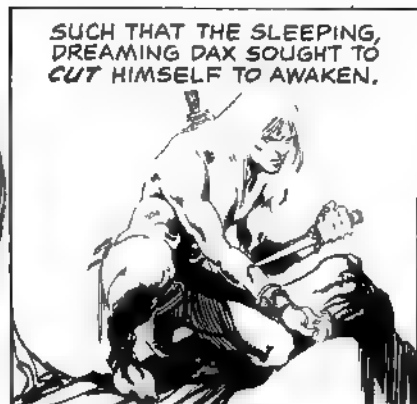
YET EVEN MY SLEEP GAVE ME MORE **TERROR** THAN WHAT
I'D SEE **AWAKE**. TORMENTED DREAMS WALKED MY SLEEP.
I KNEW NOT I SLEPT. DREAMED I WAS WAKE AND WAS
TWICE THE FRIGHTENED. THINGS MOVED OUT FROM
THE FACE OF THE **MOON**.



AND BENT LOW TO
EARTH, SENDING
SCREAMING **SPECTRES...**



...**HORRORS!**



SUCH THAT THE SLEEPING,
DREAMING DAX SOUGHT TO
CUT HIMSELF TO AWAKEN.

AND WITH A PITCH, I DID
COME OUT OF THE
FEVERED NIGHT REVERIE.

THE SCREAMING *CONTINUES...*
BUT I DREAM *NO LONGER*. PERHAPS
IT IS ANOTHER BEAST CAUGHT IN
THE BOG... IN NEED OF HELP...HELP
I CANNOT *DENY* IT.

I CAREFULLY SET OUT IN
SEARCH OF THE HOWLER.

MY EARS GUIDED
MY FEET UNTIL...



...THERE, AT THE MARSH
EDGE, SILHOUETTED
AGAINST THE FACE OF
THE MOON...



THERE I'LL
FIND THE
HOWLER.



FIGHTING THE CLIFFS HARD HEWN
FACE, I PULLED MYSELF TO THE
SUMMIT. THIS GROTESQUE, BE-
HORNED DEMON'S SKULL WAS...



...A PAGAN TEMPLE,
GUARDED BY A BRACE
OF GRIM HEARTED
SWORDSMEN.





SOME OF THESE FETID REMAINS WERE ANCIENT... SOME PITIFULLY WERE NOT!



AND THUS DID SO!




KCHUK!



WHAT IS THIS? A BUTCHER AMONG THE BUTCHERS? IN THE TEMPLE OF GOTHGON? THOSE GUARDS WERE NOT SWORDSMEN AS MUCH AS BUGLERS. THEY WERE HARMLESS BEFORE, BUT ARE MORE SO NOW!

I'M AFTER THE HEAD BUTCHER, HAG, WHO IS THIS GOTHGON?





GOHGON IS A SHADE OF THE NIGHT... A DEMONIC FLESH DESPOILER... A RAVAGER OF HUMANS.

GOHGON IS A REPTILIAN BEAST LEATHERN OF WING. MOST ANCIENT OF OLD, AND THEY THAT WORSHIP HIM, **TREASURE** HIM AS A GOD AND THUS MAKE **HUMAN SACRIFICE** AS HOMAGE TO HIS GHASTLY SUPREMACY

ON NIGHTS OF THE FULL MOON, THIS TEMPLE **SHRIEKS** WITH **BLOOD RITES**. AS **TONIGHT!**

LOOK NOT AT ME, OLD FEMALE CUR. DAX DOES NOT GRACE BLOOD ALTERS WITH HIS PRESENCE. JUST COME YOU AND **TAKE** ME TO GOHGON'S SACRIMENT.

YOU PROVE YOUR IDIOTIC YOUTH! I SEEK **NOT** TO SERVE GOHGON. BUT TO **SLAY** HIM. I'VE LOST THREE CHILDREN TO HIM.

IF YOU SPEAK TRULY OLD WOMAN, **DAX** IS YOUR MAN...

INJUSTICE IS MY MAIN FOE, AND I'VE RIGHTED MANY **WRONGS**.

BUT SIMPLE THANKS OF APPRECIATION FATTENS MY PURSE **NOT**. WHAT WILL YOU OFFER? I AM USED TO **PLENTY**.

THESE PEOPLE, TORMENTED FOR CENTURIES BY THE SACRIFICES OF GOHGON ARE **POOR**. THEY HAVE BANNED TOGETHER AND TAKEN **EVERYTHING** THEY OWN, DOWN TO THE LAST SHINING BUTTON AND EXCHANGED IT ALL FOR BUT **THREE** COINS.

EVERYTHING THEY HAVE IS SUMMED UP IN **THREE SILVER PIECES**. I OFFER IT TO YOU.

AS A MERCENARY SOLDIER I HAVE BEEN OFFERED MUCH FOR MY SERVICES...

... BUT NEVER **EVERYTHING**.



WARRIOR! THE
MOON HAS
RISEN! 'TIS
FULL! CHOOSE
YOUR ANSWER
QUICKLY!

GOTHGON
IS HERE!!

AND LOATHSOME GOTHGON
FELL UPON ME FROM THE
NIGHT.



YOU WANT TO
SEE **BLOOD**
DO YOU,
GOTHGON?



THEN
LOOK TO
YOURSELF!



AND SEE
YOUR OWN!

I DANCED A MADDENING BLOOD
DANCE WITH THE ABBERANT BEAST.
GOTHGON BEAT AT ME WITH WINGS,
RIPPED WITH TALON AND FANG...



...BUT 'T WAS *GOTHGON*, NOT *DAX*
THAT THIS MIDNIGHT FELT THE
ABSINTHIAN TASTE OF...



DEATH!



YOUR
PEOPLE ARE
FREE, CRONE.



ONLY FROM
GOTHGON,
BARBARIAN.

I DID NOT FULLY
UNDERSTAND WHY
THERE WAS NO
JOY IN THE OLD
WOMAN'S TONE..
INDEED THE
ENEMY *WAS*
DEAD.

HIE! WHAT IS
A *KNOWLING?*



THE COMING OF
THE *TRUE*
MONSTER. THE
TRUE ENEMY.

"HIDE HERE, WARRIOR. FOR
YONDER COMES THE
SACRIFICIAL PROCESSION,
BRINGING **FLESH TRIBUTE**
TO THE TEMPLE. GOTHGON
WAS OUR **TERROR**
ENCARNATE, BUT THIS
IS OUR **SHAME**."



WELL, QUICK!
WE MUST RUN
TELL THEM THE
BEAST IS
SLAIN!

NO
USE...



...FOR CENTURIES
THESE PEOPLE HAVE
COME TO **NEED**
THESE BLOODBATHS.

AND NOW
THOUGH THEIR
GOD IS
DEAD... THEIR
FAITH LIVES
ON. THEIR
NEED TO
BELIEVE
SURVIVES!



TELL THEM
GOD IS
DEAD?
DESTROY
THEM?



REMOVE THEIR
REASON TO LIVE?

NOW I **UNDERSTOOD**.
THERE WAS **NEED** TO
TAKE AWAY THE **GOD**,
BUT NOT TO TAKE
AWAY THE **NEED** FOR
... A TERRIBLE
LESSON, THOUGH
DARKLY **SIMPLE**.



HEAR US, O'
FEARFUL **GOTHGON!**
THE **SACRIFICE** IS
THINE! TAKE
DRINK THIS IS
OUR **BLOOD**. TAKE
EAT. THIS IS OUR
BODY. THIS WE DO
IN REMEMBRANCE
OF YOU!



YET, EACH NIGHT OF THE FULL
MOON THE FAITHFUL WOULD
DUTIFULLY BE IN WORSHIP
SERVICE TO PRAISE THE
NAME OF THEIR **LORD**.

THERE CAME TO CLAIM THE
OFFERING OF NO **GOD**. NO
GOTHGON. NOR WOULD HE
COME AGAIN.



I COULD DO OR SAY NO MORE.
THERE WAS ANOTHER **WAR**
SOMEWHERE AND I WAS **FOR**
IT. THERE WAS **GOLD** TO BE
MADE AND I WAS FOR IT.

THREE SILVER PIECES
LAST NOT LONG.



AND THIS, IT HAS COME
TO THIS, UPON THE
MOUNTAIN RIDGE I STOOD

STRODE DOWN TO WAR,
COMRADES AROUND ME.

I HEAR THEIR SCREAMS
AND SOUL WITHERING
MOANS AS I LAY
AMONGST THEM.

THIS DAY HAS BROUGHT
ME THAT LAST BATTLE.
THE LAST OF MY
ADVENTURES HAS
PARADED BEFORE

AND THIS, IT HAS
ENDED HERE.

I AM DAX, WARRIOR.
LAYING, DYING AMID
THOSE THINGS WHICH
GAVE ME LIFE AND
REASON TO LIVE.

YET, I DIE NOT
WHIMPERING. FOR I
DIE LIKE A WARRIOR.

I ESCAPED THE
TORMENTS OF THE
GODS. I SNUBBED
THEIR SPORT.

I TOOK THE DEATH-
WOUND. I DIE NOT
DAMNED!



DAX^{the} DAMNED

TO EARTH THEN, O' DARK
ANGEL! THERE IS A NEW
BATTLEFIELD AND SOULS
AWAIT!

BRING FIRST THE ACCURSED
SOUL OF AN OLD FRIEND,
DAX. IT IS TIME FOR HIM TO
FIND PEACE.

I ALONE CAN SHIELD HIM
FROM THE LIVING GODS'
DAMNATION. BRING HIM
QUICK, AND BE TENDER.

AYE, BE TENDER...
WITH MY POOR
DAX.

DEATH RIDES...

THIS NIGHT!



AYE LORD.
I SHALL BRING
A HOST OF
LIFE'S
CHOICEST.
I SHALL FIND
YOU DAX.



POOR MORTALS.
SUFFER YOU SO
AT EACH
OTHER'S HANDS?



HERE ARE BRAVE
ONES. MY KISS
AND YOU ARE
FREE OF THESE
BLOODY BONDS.



I MUST HURRY
WITH YOU. I SEARCH
FOR A PARTICULAR
WARRIOR. MY
LORD AWAITS HIM
PERSONALLY.



BEHOLD! THIS
WARRIOR IS
DIFFERENT!
HE... HE
MOVES!



OH! HE
LIVES!



HERE I BE... DYING BUT
A MOMENT AGO, THEN A
MAIDEN'S SHADOW FALLS
ACROSS ME AND WHAT!...
MY STRENGTH RETURNS!
I LIVE!

DAX LIVES! WHAT MAGIC
IS THIS? WHO ARE YOU?
NOT JUST A GHOUL. NOT
JUST ONE WHO GLEANS
BOOTY FROM AMONG THE
BLOOD DOZING BATTLE
DEAD!

YOU ARE DAX?
OH NO! I AM THE
ANGEL OF DEATH.

I... OH!
WHAT SHALL
I DO?



MY LORD DEATH
SENT ME TO BRING
BACK THE SOUL
OF DAX ESPECIALLY.
CALLING YOU BY
NAME.

LITTLE ANGEL...
PLEASE DON'T MAKE
ME APOLOGIZE FOR
STILL BEING ALIVE!

I KNOW NOT HOW,
BUT I DO LIVE. BRING
YOUR MASTER BACK
THE SOULS OF ALL
THESE HEROES. SURELY
'T'WILL BE ENOUGH TO
TRADE FOR DAX!

YES... BUT... I WOULD
BE EXCEEDING GLAD TO
HAVE YOU IN THE
PEACEFUL FIELDS
BEYOND.

I AM FLATTERED
LITTLE ANGEL...
BUT I WOULD
NEEDS BE DEAD
TO BE WITH YOU
THERE.

DON'T YOU
KNOW WHAT
IT MEANS TO
LIVE?



NO... BUT I KNOW
IT MUST BE WORSE
THAN BEING OF THE
DEAD. AT LEAST I
WILL NEVER DREAD
DYING.

INSANE MAN! NEVER
IN ETERNITY HAS
THIS BEEN THOUGHT
BEFORE. MADNESS!
IT SHALL NOT BE DONE!

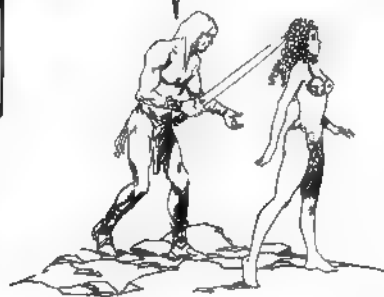
THEN TRULY,
YOU HAVE NEVER
LEARNED TO
LIVE...

OH DAMN!
THERE ARE WAYS
OF CHEATING
DEATH, I HAVE
FOR YEARS.

STAY WITH
ME HERE, AND
WE'LL CHEAT
HIM FOREVER.
TOGETHER!



...OR
LOVE!





NOOOOO !!!
WHAT HIDEOUS
THING IS THIS?
NO, DEATH!

GIVE HER
BACK TO
ME!

MY GODS!
SHE IS A
SNAIL!

"YET NOW SHE CHANGES!
WHAT SHE IS FROM
THE SHELL?"


WHAT HORRIBLE
METAMORPHOSIS HAVE
I DOOMED HER TO?



SHE BURNS!
LIKE A COMET
OF TORMENT!



SOMETHING
FORMS FROM
THE MIDST
OF THE
FIREBALL!




DAX! NO! YOUR
HONEY WORDS AND
REASON HATH
CHARMED MY DARK
ANGEL! AND DOOMED
HER TO MY WRATH
FOR ETERNITY!

FOREVER WILL
SHE BE SNAIL AND
MOTH! THAT
PUNISHMENT
SHE BEARS FOR
YOU!

BUT YOU WILL FIND
ME LESS SIMPLE TO
DIVERT WITH THROBBING
WORDS OF PASSION!


COME ALONG, DAX.
I AM YOUR FRIEND.
I HAVE WORRIED
ABOUT YOU FOR
YEARS.



COME ALONG
AND REST
NOW.

NOW, WHO SPEAKS
WITH HONEY WORDS
AND REASON?
DEATH IS A DARK
MONSTER! NO
FRIEND TO ME!

YOU HAVE NO
POWER OVER ME.
I STILL LIVE!



IF YOU MEAN TO FIGHT ME,
DAX, I ASSURE YOU IT IS A
STRUGGLE YOU WILL NOT WIN!
NO MAN MAY ESCAPE DEATH...
IF I DO NOT CLAIM YOU NOW,
I WILL DO SO LATER.

AFTER ALL, IT IS ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME... FOR ALL
MORTALS MUST YIELD TO ME IN
TIME. I ASK ONLY THAT YOU
WOULD YIELD TO ME NOW
AND COME TO KNOW PEACE...

... BUT YOU NEED TIME.
AND I GRANT YOU TIME TO
BRIEFLY CONTEMPLATE.
THINK CAREFULLY AND
CHOOSE WISELY BETWEEN
LIFE OR DEATH!

"I AM THrice CURSED!
OF ALL THINGS A MAN
MUST DECIDE...
WHETHER TO LIVE OR
DIE."

TO ESCAPE THE CRUELTY
OF THE GODS TO COME
TO THIS... DECIDING IF
I AM TO LIVE OR DIE!...
ARGH! I KNOW I CANNOT
ESCAPE DEATH. FOR DEATH
IS MY CONSTANT COM-
PANION! IT SURROUNDS
ME, I DEAL IN IT,
YET...



...I WOULD NOT
SUCCUMB TO IT. THIS
CARNAGE IS MY ONLY
LEGACY. AM I PROUD
OF MY WORKS? CAN
THE SEWER CLEANER
BE PROUD OF HIS
LIFE? NO... BUT HE
HAS DONE WHAT MUST
BE DONE... AND WELL.



IT MAY BE THAT DEATH IS
THE PEACE FROM TORMENT
I SEEK. BUT BY GODS
TEETH I WILL NOT DIE
THIS WAY! I HAVE LIVED
BY THIS SWORD AND SO
MUST DIE BY IT! OR NOT
DIE AT ALL!



"MY BROTHERS... HAVE YOU
FOUND PEACE? DO YOU
NOT MISS THE SUN'S WARMTH
UPON THY SKIN? COOL WINE
UPON A BURNING TONGUE?"



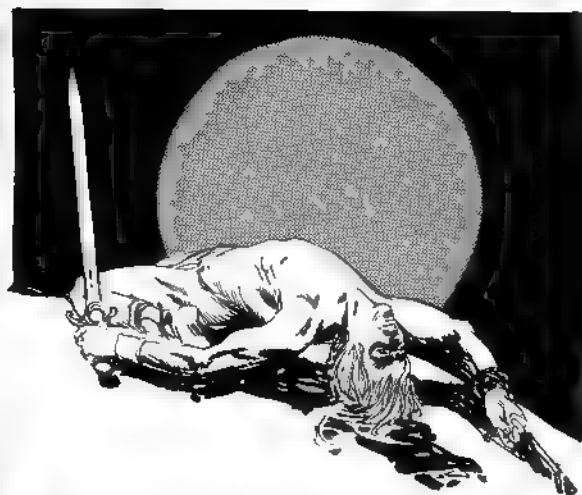
"DO YOU NOT MISS SOOTHING
RAINS... BLANKETING SNOWS?
DO YOU NOT MISS SAVORY BEEF
FOR AN EMPTY BELLY... DREAM-
FUL SLEEP WHEN TIRED? DO
YOU NOT MISS THE WONDER AT
A FISTFUL OF DUST OR A
TWINKLING STARFLUNG NIGHT?
TO NEVER HOLD SOFT FLESH
AGAINST YOUR NAKED LOINS?
NEVER TO HOLD HER WHEN
SHE SLEEPS... OR DELIVER
UP YOUR CHILD FROM HER
WOMB WITH YOUR OWN
TWO HANDS?"

IS THERE SOMETHING,
ANYTHING BEYOND
LIFE'S REALM TO COMPARE
WITH THESE THINGS?



I THINK NOT.
COME BOY, TAKE ME
AWAY FROM HERE.
TAKE ME TO LIFE!





"I LIVE! DEATH IS CHEATED! YET I REALIZE NOW... I REALIZE. I REMEMBER. THAT LAST BATTLE... THOUSANDS OF HEROES DIED... AND I!... BUT RECEIVED A SWORD STROKE IN THE SPINE! NOW HERE I LAY. NERVELESS... I CANNOT MOVE. CANNOT BLINK, TWITCH A FINGER. I CANNOT EVEN FEEL MY PAIN. DEATH KNEW THIS, EVEN AS I DID NOT. DEATH HAD THE FINAL JOKE. I AM TRULY DAMNED. ALL I CAN DO IS LIE HERE AND REMEMBER... REMEMBER THE SAGA OF MY LIFE OVER AND OVER AGAIN. LIFE IS LIKE A BOOK AS I READ IT AGAIN AND AGAIN. I REMEMBER MY STORIES OF DAX, THE WARRIOR, THE DAMNED!"

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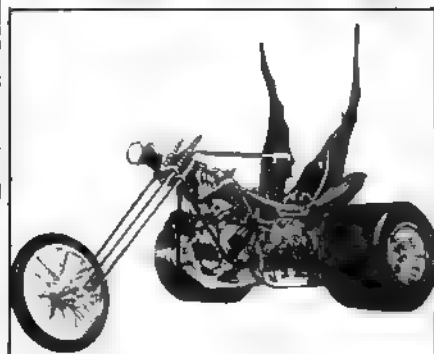
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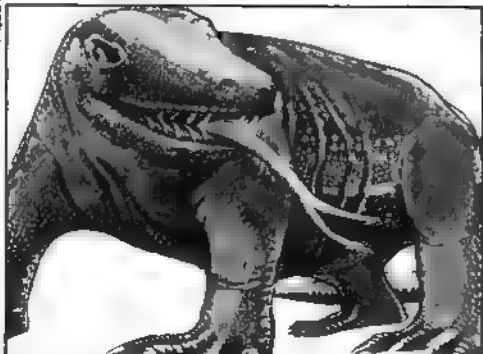
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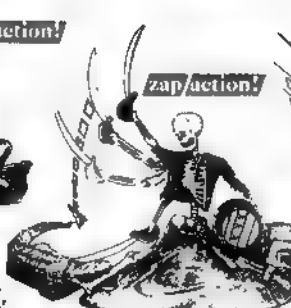
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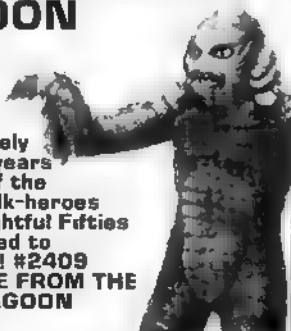
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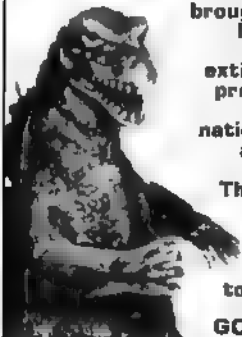
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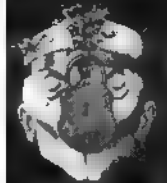
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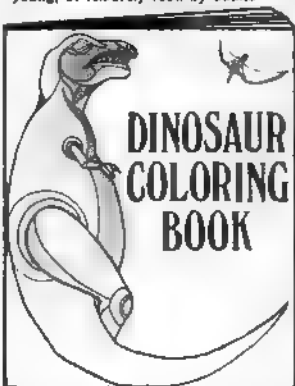
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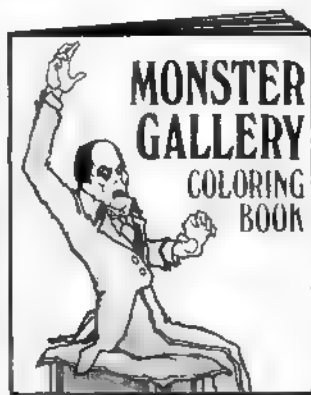


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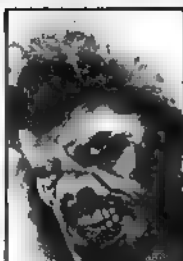
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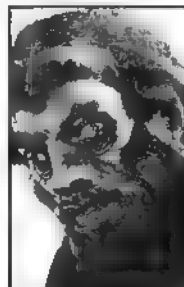
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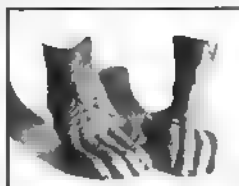


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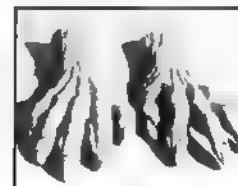
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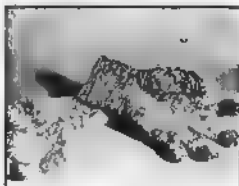
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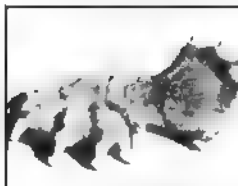
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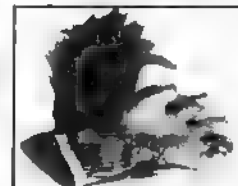
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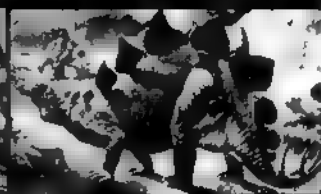
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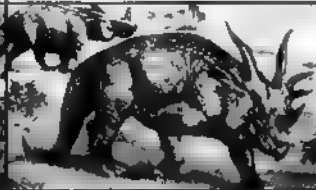
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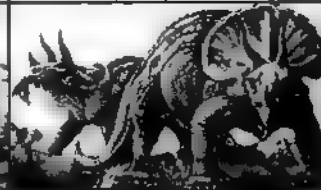
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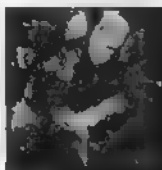
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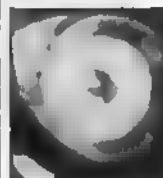
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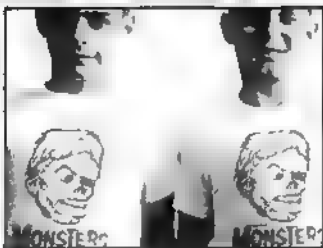
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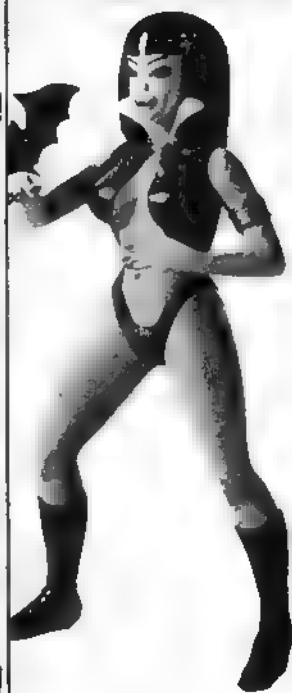
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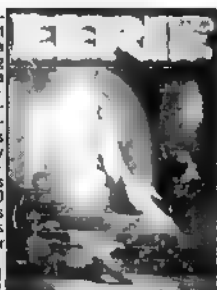
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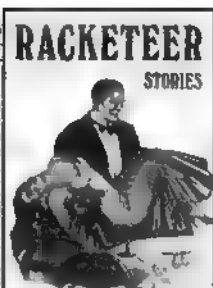
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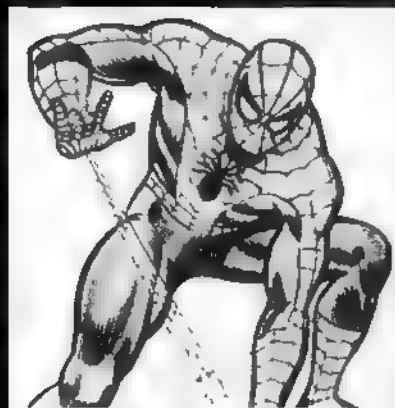
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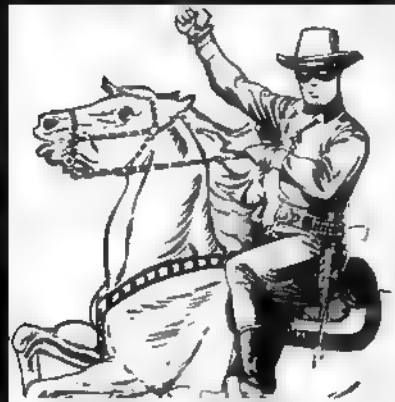
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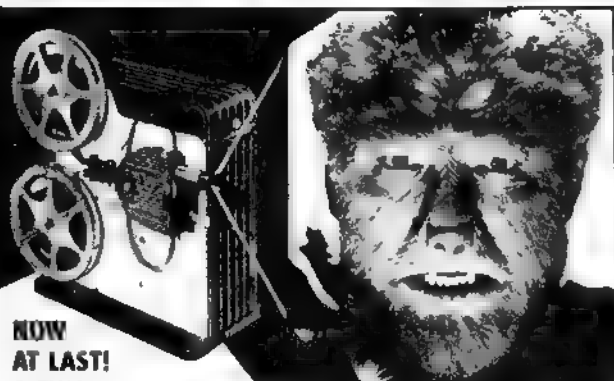
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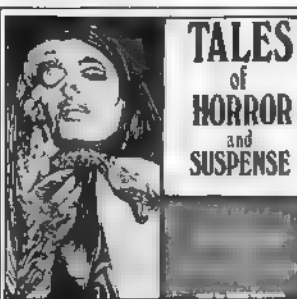
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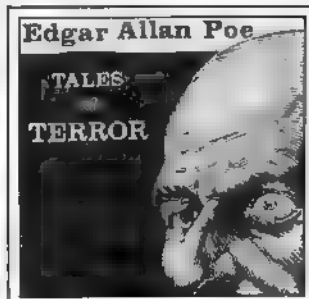
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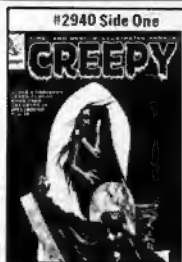
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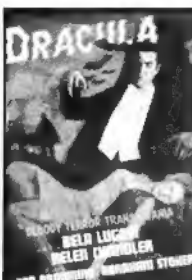
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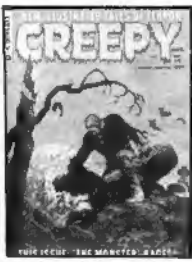
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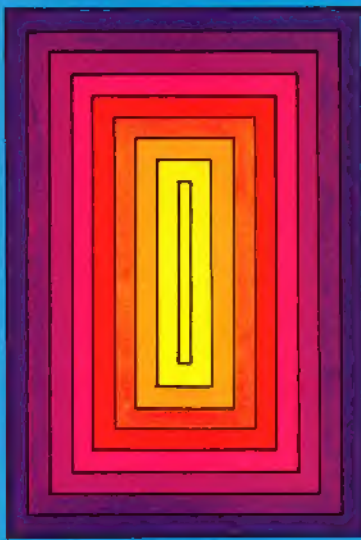
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